

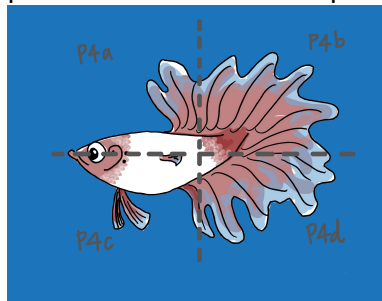
## Practice Project 4: Fish Scales

### Supplies Needed:

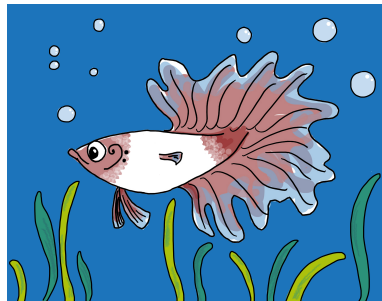
- One piece of blue poster board for the poster background (or watery color of your choosing)
- PDF: P4a-d Fish Scales Poster
- Scissors
- Glue
- Large sequins (recommended .75" – 1.25"), easily found at craft stores

### Instructions for Constructing Fish Scales Poster:

1. Cut out the four beta fish pieces on P4a-d. Glue to poster board as shown below.



2. Cut out remaining plant pieces and bubbles on P4a-d and add to poster as desired.



### Instructions for Implementing Fish Scales Practice Project:

For this practice project, students will earn sequin scales to add to the fish on the poster. Can they cover the fish's body with shiny scales in the coming weeks?

In order to add a scale to the fish, a student must play each item on the assignment twelve times over the course of the week. Piano Detectives Club assignments encourage students to practice each item three times on four days. However, do not penalize students if their practice routines look differently while still yielding the required amount of practice. Award scales in this way:

4 days (or 12 times for each item): 1 fish scale  
5 days (or 15 times for each item): 2 fish scales  
6 days (or 18 times for each item): 3 fish scales  
7 days (or 21 times for each item): 4 fish scales

It's up to you how students arrange the scales on the beta fish. You may choose to let students place the scales randomly, or you may show them how to layer the scales like those on a real fish. Celebrate your students' practice achievements and the way that their efforts combine to make their fish brilliant and shiny. Be sure to praise their practice accomplishments with emphasis on how much their practice will positively impact their playing!

