# eNovation E: Five-Finger Patterns (Intervals 2nds – 5ths)

NOTE: All video and audio files are found in the media area on each lesson page.

### eNovation E Overview

Summary: In this eNovation, students learn about whole and half steps and construction of major and minor five-finger patterns. The interval of the 5th this eNovation.			
Key Elements:	<ul> <li>Intervals: 5ths (melodic and harmonic)</li> <li>Whole and half steps</li> <li>Naming the black keys</li> <li>Accidentals</li> <li>Major 5-finger patterns: F, C, G, D, A</li> <li>Minor 5-finger patterns: A, D, C, G</li> </ul>		
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### Topic 1: Intervals – Melodic and Harmonic 5ths

Less	Lesson Overview			
	Students identify 5ths on the staff, on the keyboard, and aurally and to use the interval of the 5th in			
	reading and playing.			
Acti	vity Type / Title w	vith Links	Instructions/Comments	
		Watch instructional video:	Watch instructional video.	
	Video Playlist	Interval Reading: Melodic and Harmonic <u>5ths</u>		
	Theory	Staff ID: 2nd - 5th (MT.NET)	Complete the MT.NET drill.	
	Keyboard Awareness	<u>Keyboard Topography Drill: Intervals</u> 2nds - 5ths	This drill will help you use your sense of touch to find the intervals 2nds-5ths. There are four examples. Practice both and remember not to look at your hands while playing.	
	Listening	Aural ID: 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th? (C major) (MT.NET)	Complete the MT.NET drill.	
	Listening	Aural ID: 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th? (A Minor) (MT.NET)	Complete the MT.NET drill.	
	Reading	The Grand Staff and Landmark Notes: Lesson and Flashcards (2nds - 5ths)	Practice with the interval flashcards using landmark notes as your guide.	
	Reading	Reading Drill E1: Grand Staff (2nd - 5th)	These reading drills focus on the interval of the 5 <sup>th</sup> . Use landmark notes to find your starting positions.	
	Improvisation	Exploring the Sounds of Intervals	Create an improvisation on a single interval.	

#### Topic 2: Naming the Black Keys on the Piano / Accidentals / Technique - Coordination

Lesson Overview In this lesson, students learn about whole and half steps, accidentals, and how the black keys are named. Students are prepared for more advanced coordination through Musical Texture Drills technical drills which focus on chordal and melody/accompaniment textures.

Acti	vity Type / Title w	vith Links	Instructions/Comments
	Videos Playlist	Watch instructional videos: <u>Naming the Black Keys on the Piano;</u> <u>Accidentals</u>	Watch two instructional videos.
	Keyboard Awareness	<u>Keyboard ID: Naming the Keys of the</u> <u>Piano (2) (MT.NET)</u>	Complete this MT.NET drill.
	Theory	Staff ID: Notes on the Grand Staff (2) (MT.NET)	Complete this MT.NET drill.
	Keyboard Awareness	Staff to Keyboard: Grand Staff (2) (MT.NET)	Complete this MT.NET drill.
	Repertoire	In the Pink by Susanna Garcia	This short piece will give you some practice with accidentals.
	Repertoire	Lazybones by Daniel Gottlob Türk	This short piece will give you some practice with accidentals. Notice that your hands do not cover the same position on the keyboard.
	Technique	<u>Musical Texture Drill</u> – Chordal; Melody w/Accompaniment	Drill #1 develops your ability to play intervals in a chordal texture and paves the way for more advanced skills. Drill #2 develops your ability to play a melody with drone accompaniment texture. (Tip! Mirror fingerings make it easy).
	Repertoire	Long Wait by Chan Kiat Lim	This piece uses 2 different five-finger patterns in each hand <b>(C major and D</b> <b>minor)</b> and provides a good review of mirror fingerings and intervals in chordal texture. Notice the accidental in m. 8.

### Topic 3: Whole and Half Steps / Major and Minor Five-Finger Patterns (C,G,D,A,F Major/C,G,D,A Minor)

#### Lesson Overview

In this lesson, students learn to form the major five-finger pattern and use it in both notation based and aural activities. The Rhythm Coordination Drill requires two-handed rhythm reading and fosters hand coordination.

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Activity Type / Title with Links			Instructions/Comments
	Video Playlist	Watch instructional video: Major and Minor Five-Finger Patterns.	Watch instructional video.
	Technique	Five-Finger Patterns - C,G,D,A,F Major and C,G,D,A Minor	Practice each major and minor pattern hands separately until comfortable. Model your hand shape and motions as shown in the videos found at the bottom of the page.
	Listening	Aural Playback: Matching Pitch and Rhythm in 5-Finger Positions (2nds - <u>5ths)</u>	Work with the major and minor audio files until you can accurately play back what you hear. Tip: It really helps if you can accurately sing what you hear before attempting to play.
	Reading	<u>Reading Drill E2: Five-Finger Patterns</u> ( <u>HS)</u>	Practice the five-finger reading drills. Each drill is for one hand only, but be sure that choose the correct hand. Remember to play in the correct location on the keyboard. You will also need to be aware of dynamics, articulations, repeat signs, and 8va and 8vb symbols.
	Improvisation	Improvising with Major 5-Finger Patterns	Practice improvising with major five- finger patterns. Remember to perform with the audio play-along tracks.
	Improvisation	Improvising with Minor 5-Finger Patterns	Practice improvising with minor five- finger patterns. Remember to perform with the audio play-along tracks.
	Reading	Reading Drill E3: Five-Finger Patterns (HT)	Practice the five-finger reading drills. These drills use both hands. Remember to play in the correct location on the keyboard. You will also need to be aware of dynamics, articulations, repeat signs, and 8va and 8vb symbols.
	Rhythm	Rhythm Coordination Drill	Count carefully while playing these two- handed rhythm drills. When you are ready, practice them with the play-along audio tracks found at the bottom of the page.
	Lead Sheet	Lightly Row (Germany)	<b>D</b> major five-finger pattern. Realize this lead sheet using root tones or one of the advanced options.
	Lead Sheet	The Birch Tree - Beriozka (Russia)	<b>D Minor</b> five-finger pattern. Realize this lead sheet using root tones or one of the advanced options.
	Lead Sheet	Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes (England)	<b>A Major</b> five-finger pattern. Realize this lead sheet using root tones or one of the advanced options.

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	Repertoire	March of the Lemmings by Chan Kiat Lim	<b>C major</b> five-finger pattern with lots of accidentals. Requires shifting finger between sharp & natural. Careful counting required.
	Repertoire	Little Dance by Chan Kiat Lim	<b>A major</b> five-finger pattern. RH melody with harmonic interval accompaniment.
	Repertoire	Jingle Bells by James Pierpont (Christmas)	<b>F major</b> five-finger pattern. RH melody with harmonic interval accompaniment.
	Repertoire	<u>The Wayfarin' Stranger (U.S</u> <u>Traditional)</u>	<b>G minor</b> five-finger pattern. Hands separate.

# Topic 4: Developing Two-Handed Coordination with Advancing Repertoire

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соо	The repertoire in this topic is the most challenging in eNovation E and requires a greater degree of coordination and hand independence. Watch all videos in the media area before beginning to practice to assist with proper technical development.			
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	Repertoire	Long Wait by Chan Kiat Lim	This piece uses 2 different five-finger patterns in each hand <b>(C major and D</b> <b>minor)</b> and provides a good review of mirror fingerings and intervals in chordal texture. Notice the accidental in m. 8.	
	Repertoire	Blue Echoes by Susanna Garcia	This piece uses 2 different five-finger patterns in each hand <b>(D major and G</b> <b>minor),</b> with lots of accidentals which contribute to a blues sound. Perform with the play-along audio track.	
	Repertoire	Over and Back by Susanna Garcia	(Whole-Tone) This piece combines many previously learned techniques - hand crossings, accidentals, position shifts, dynamics, pedaling, and 3/4 time. Uses the whole-tone scale. Perform with the play-along audio track.	
	Repertoire	Baroque Cuckoo by Chan Kiat Lim	<b>(E Major)</b> This piece combines many previously learned techniques - hand crossings, accidentals, position shifts, dynamics, tempo changes, and 3/4 time.	
	Repertoire	Tranquil Solitude by Chan Kiat Lim	(Impressionistic) RH stays in C major five-finger position, but the LH moves. Great review of intervals. Uses coloristic pedal.	

