

## **Five-Finger Patterns and Famous Composers: Fresh Ideas for Solo and Duet Piano Works**

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### **Benefits**

1. Relating finger/key
2. Directional reading
3. Aural reference
4. Transposition
5. Technique

### **Five-Finger Pattern & Reading Approaches**

1. *Intervallic*- After interval of a fifth  
(Ex. Francis Clark, Louise Goss, Sam Holland's The Music Tree)
2. *Gradual Multi-key*- After pre-staff notation and musical alphabet  
(Ex. Bastien's Piano Basics)
3. *Multi-key*- Right away, along with notation  
(Ex. Robert Pace's Music for Piano)
4. *Eclectic*- It varies, either as hand positions, or after landmark notes  
(Ex. Faber's Piano Adventures; Hal Leonard's Student Piano Library Piano Lessons by Barbara Kreader, Fred Kern, Phillip Keveren, Mona Rejino; and Helen Marlais' Succeeding at the Piano)
5. *Middle C*- Usually after landmark notes  
(Ex. Leila Fletcher's Piano Course Book and John Thompson's Easiest Piano Course)

### **Pattern Presentation**

1. Basic form
2. Extended/varied form
3. Short form

### **Literature Sample**

1. Solo: Béla Bartók, Soulima Stravinsky, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Samuel Adler, Oscar Lorenzo Fernandez
2. Duet: Anton Diabelli, Joseph Löw, François Couperin, Mark Nevin

## Solo

AUTHOR	TITLE	PUBLISHER	LEVEL
Adler, Samuel	<i>Gradius- 40 Studies for Piano</i>	Oxford University	Elem.–Early Adv.
Bartok, Bartok	The First Term at the Piano	Boosey & Hawkes	Elementary
Bartok, Bartok	For Children- Books 1, 2	Boosey & Hawkes	Elem.–Early Interm.
Beach, Amy	Children’s Album Op. 36	Dover	Intermediate
Czerny, Carl	<i>Les Cinq Doigts Op. 777</i>	Peters	Early Intermediate
Dello Joio, Norman	Lyric Pieces for the Young	Edward B. Marks	Late Elem.– Interm.
Fernandez, O.Lorenzo	<i>Boneca Yaya – Suite Infantil</i>	Irmãos Vitale	Intermediate
Fernandez, O.Lorenzo	<i>Bonecas: Suite Infantil sobre as 5 Notas</i>	Irmãos Vitale	Late Elem.– Interm.
Fernandez, O.Lorenzo	<i>Historietas Maravilhosas</i>	Irmãos Vitale	Late Interm.– Adv.
Fernandez, O.Lorenzo	<i>Suite das 5 Notas</i>	Irmãos Vitale	Late Elem.– Interm.
Gerou, Tom	5 Finger Halloween Fun	Alfred	Elementary
Gretchaninov, Alexandre	Albums & Arabesques	Eschig	Elem.– Intermediate
Gurlitt, Cornelius	Album for the Young Op. 140	Alfred	Late Elem.– Early Intermediate
Gurlitt, Cornelius	Albumleaves for the Young Op. 101	G. Schirmer	Intermediate
Gurlitt, Cornelius	<i>Leichte Etuden Op. 130</i>	Augener Limited	Early Intermediate
Gurlitt, Cornelius	Scenes of Childhood Op. 74	Augener Limited	Intermediate
Irwin, Phyllis	Playing the Piano	Wadsworth	Elementary
Kabalevsky, Dmitri	Twenty-Four Little Pieces Op. 39	Neil A. Kjos Music	Elementary
Kabalevsky, Dmitri	Children’s Pieces Op. 27	MCA Music	Elem. – Intermediate
Khatchaturian, Aram	<i>Tableaux de L’Enfance</i>	Le Chant du Monde	Intermediate
Köhler, Louis	The Little Pianist Op. 189	Kalmus	Elementary
Kullak, Theodor	<i>Kinderleben Op. 62, 81</i>	Peters	Late Interm.– Early Advanced
Liebermann, Lowell	Album for the Young Op. 43	Theodore Presser	Elem. –Intermediate
Loeschhorn, Albert	Children’s Studies Op. 181	Peters	Late Elem.– Early Intermediate
MacDowell, Edward	12 Etudes Op. 39	Arthur P. Schmidt	Interm.–Early Adv.
Marston, G. W.	Album for Children	Arthur P. Schmidt	Late Elem.–Early Intermediate
Milhaud, Darius	A Child Loves	MCA Music	Intermediate
Muczynski, Robert	Fables	Schirmer	Late Elementary
Muczynski, Robert	A Summer Journal	Schirmer	Intermediate
Oriol, Emmanuel	<i>Douze Petites Histoires</i>	Salabert	Late Elem.– Early Intermediate
Palmer, Willard A.	A Contemporary Album for the Young	Alfred	Intermediate
Patterson, David	20 Little Piano Pieces from Around the World	Schirmer	Early Elementary
Petit, Pierre	<i>Petite Pièces sur 14 Lettres</i>	Alphonse Leduc	Elementary
Podolsky, Leo, ed.	Musical Finds from the 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> Centuries	Clayton F.Summy	Late Elem.–Early Intermediate
Ponce, Manuel	<i>Veinte Piezas Faciles</i>	Peer International	Elem.– Early Interm.
Rowley, Alec	Recreation Op. 37	Peters	Elementary
Sancan, Pierre	Petites Mains	Durand	Elementary
Slavenski, Josip	Piano Compositions II	DSH/UKS	Late Interm.– Adv.
Stravinsky, Igor	<i>Les Cinq Doigts</i>	Chester Music	Late Elem.–Early Intermediate

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Stravinsky, Soulima	<i>Klaviermusik für Kinder</i>	Peters	Elementary
Szávai-Veszprémi ed.	<i>Musik für Klavier</i>	Editio Musica Budapest	Late Elem.– Intern.
Tcherepnin, Alexander	Bagatelles Op. 5	Schirmer	Interm.– Early Adv.
Töpel, Michael ed.	Bärenreiter Piano Album- Vienna Classic	Bärenreiter Kassel	Intermediate
Villa-Lobos, Heitor	<i>Brinquedo de Roda</i>	Peer International	Late Elem.–Early Intermediate
Villa-Lobos, Heitor	<i>Francette et Pià</i>	Eschig	Interm.–Early Adv.
Villa-Lobos, Heitor	<i>Petizada (Children)</i>	Peer International	Late Elem.–Intern.

## Duet

AUTHOR	TITLE	PUBLISHER	LEVEL
Atkinson, Condit	The Duet of the Month Club	Galaxy Music Co.	Elementary
Bach, Johann Christian	<i>Drei Sonaten</i>	Peters	Interm.–Early Adv.
Bauer, Marion, ed.	A Little Treasury of Classics as Duets- I (Baroque, Classical and Romantic)	Heritage Music Publications	Elementary– Intermediate
Beer, Leopold, ed.	<i>Musik aus Alten Tagen</i>	Universal Edition	Elem.–Early Interm.
Brimhall, John, ed.	Duets- Music from Ballet	Hanlit Publications	Intermediate
Clementi, Muzio	<i>Tre Duettini</i>	Edizioni G. Zanibon	Late Elementary – Early Intermediate
Clementi, Muzio	<i>Tre Pezzi</i>	Bèrben	Intermediate
Dello Joio, Norman	Christmas Music	Marks Music Co.	Late Elementary – Early Intermediate
Dello Joio, Norman	Family Album	Marks Music Co.	Elementary
Diabelli, Anton	<i>Pieces melodiques pour Piano a 4 Mains sur 5 Notes Op. 149</i>	Peters	Elementary
Diabelli, Anton	Pleasures of Youth, Six Sonatinas on Five- Notes Op.163	Schirmer	Elementary– Intermediate
Dorolle, Annie, ed.	Ancient Dances for Piano Duet, Book 1	Boosey and Hawkes	Elem.–Early Interm.
Foote, Arthur	Twelve Duets on Five Notes	Arthur P. Schmidt	Elementary
George, Jon	Artistry at the Piano	Studio-PR Publication Recordings	Elementary
George, Jon	Kaleidoscope Duets	Alfred	Elementary
Gunther, Phillis, ed.	Tchaikovsky for Two- Selections from Album for the Young Op. 39	The Willis Music Company	Early Intermediate
Lów, Joseph	Teacher and Pupil	Kalmus	Elem.–Intermediate
Mozart, Wolfgang A.	<i>Leichte Sonatinen</i>	Peters	Late Elementary– Early Intermediate
Nevin, Mark	Three Jazz Duets	Belwin Mills	Elementary
Norton, Christopher	Microjazz Piano Duets	Boosey & Hawkes	Late Elementary
Orth, L.E.	March of the Little Men	Oliver Ditson	Elementary
Podolsky, Leo, ed.	Duet Playing	Belwin Inc.	Elem.–Intermediate
Schmitt, Florent	Album of Piano Duets	Kalmus	Interm.–Advanced
Stravinsky, Igor	3 Easy Pieces	International Music	Intermediate
Stravinsky, Igor	5 Easy Pieces	International Music	Elementary

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