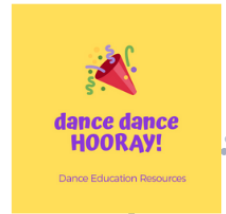


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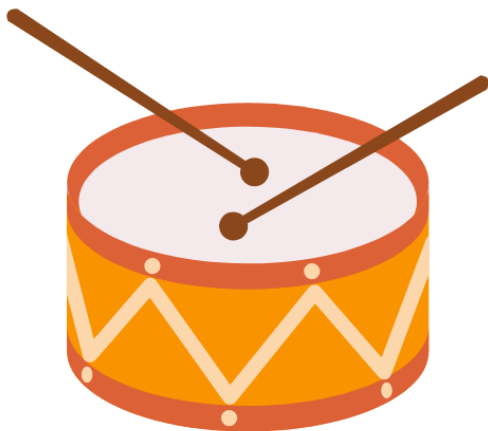
PLAY A DRUM LIKE THE NUTCRACKER

Song suggestion: *Russian Dance (Dance EDM House Mix)* by Blue Claw Philharmonic

Prop suggestion: *rhythm sticks*

For each sequence, practice the rhythm by playing it on the floor with the rhythm sticks first. Bonus points for saying the step out loud at the same time!

- Paradiddle, stomp stomp stomp (1234, 567 h8) - with R then with L
- 3 paradiddles (RLR), stomp (1234, 5678, 1234, 5h678) - repeat starting with L
- Put both together into a sequence -
 - Paradiddle, stomp stomp stomp -- with RL
 - 3 paradiddles, stomp hold - R
 - Paradiddle, stomp stomp stomp -- LR
 - 3 paradiddles, stomp hold - L
- Double time paradiddles
 - paradiddle RL (1&2&, 3&4&), click sticks on floor on 5, click together on 7
 - then start again with L foot

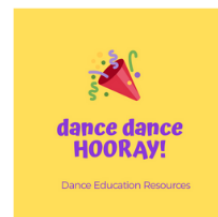


CREATIVITY CHALLENGE

Ask your dancers to create their own drumstick sequence. Their goal will be to do a tap step of their choice, and then add a percussion element with their sticks. They could work alone or in groups!



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LET'S BE THE SUGAR "TAP" FAIRY!

Song suggestion: Dance of The Sugar Plum Fairy by Blue Claw Philharmonic

Prop suggestion: a wand or the printable paper wands

This is an across the floor exercise that you could do with all the students at once, or a few at a time. The aim is to have clear sound separation on the heel-toe walks, and follow the pattern/sequence.

Repeat this sequence, all the way across!

- 4 heel-toe walks (12, 34, 56, 78)
- Tap R toe forward (and gesture with wand) 2X (12), step together (3h4)
- Tap L toe forward (and gesture with wand) 2X (56), step together (7h8)

Each full lesson plan includes:

- **class conversation starter for the themed content**
- **6-8 skill/rhythmic exercises, with options for different levels**
- **video demonstrations of each exercise**
- **a tap dance obstacle course**
- **suggested lesson plan calendar to mix content for up to 4 weeks**
- **playlist link**
- **printable visual aids**

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