

BAN.TAI MY FIRST STAFF PAPER MAKER

My First Staff Paper Maker Complete Manual

A detailed English guide for creating beautiful printable blank staff paper, grand staff sheets, percussion staff paper, SVG files, and print-ready PDF output.

Version v2.0.0 / English Manual

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Overview

WHAT THE APP IS FOR

My First Staff Paper Maker is a Windows desktop application for creating clean blank staff paper for lessons, practice, composition sketches, arrangement work, and classroom handouts. It focuses on printable paper layout rather than note entry.

Printable layouts

A4, B5, and Letter paper sizes with portrait and landscape orientation.

Staff variations

Single staff, grand staff, treble, bass, C clefs, percussion, and no clef.

Flexible spacing

Automatic layout plus manual control for detailed spacing and line thickness.

My First Staff Paper Pack

A child-friendly preset for ages 4-8 with wider margins and gentle dark-gray lines.

Clean output

SVG export and print/PDF output for crisp staff lines.

Item	Details
Application type	Shareware Windows desktop application
Supported OS	Windows 10 / Windows 11, 64-bit recommended
Best suited for	Teachers, pianists, vocalists, band users, percussion users, students, and music hobbyists

Output

Printable pages, PDF through the print dialog, and SVG vector files

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Launch & Language

STARTING THE APP AND SWITCHING ENGLISH DISPLAY

Launching the Application

1. Install the application using `はじめての五線紙メーカー Setup 1.4.0.exe`.
2. Open it from the desktop shortcut or the Windows Start menu.
3. The main editor appears with settings on the left and the page preview on the right.

Switching Between Japanese and English

Use the language button in the upper-right area of the app header. The button switches between `EN` and `日本語`.

Tip: The selected language is saved locally, so the next launch will reopen with the same display language.

Left Control Panel

- **Paper Settings:** paper size and page orientation.
- **Staff Style Settings:** staff type, page structure, and clef.
- **Dimension Settings:** systems, staff lines, line spacing, system spacing, margins, and line thickness.
- **Action Buttons:** save SVG, print/PDF output, and quit.

Right Preview Area

The preview shows the page as it will be generated. Use the zoom control to inspect the full page before saving or printing.

Important: The app creates blank staff paper. It does not enter melodies, chords, lyrics, or finished notation.

Setting	Use	Recommended for
A4	Standard full-size paper	General lessons, composition, printing, PDF handouts
B5	Smaller Japanese paper size	Compact handouts and practice notebooks
Letter	8.5 x 11 inch paper, about 216 mm x 279 mm	Teachers and families using North American paper sizes
Portrait	Vertical page	Most lesson and practice sheets
Landscape	Horizontal page	Longer staff width and wider writing space

Tip: Landscape mode is useful when you want longer staff lines for phrases, dictation, or classroom exercises.

My First Staff Paper Pack Margins

The child-friendly preset uses a wide top area for dates, stickers, or encouragement, a wider left margin for filing holes, and comfortable right and bottom margins. Recommended values are top 25-30 mm, bottom 20-25 mm, left 25 mm, and right 15-20 mm.

Staff Type

Type	Description	Typical use
Single Staff	One staff per system	Voice, melody instruments, theory, exercises
Grand Staff	Treble and bass staves connected as a piano system	Piano, keyboard, harmony, accompaniment sketches

Page Structure

The first-page style can include a title line. Subsequent-page style gives more space to the staff area. Choose the structure according to whether the page needs a title.

Grand Staff note: When Grand Staff is selected, the app automatically uses the treble and bass clef combination.

Version 2.0.0 adds tracing practice worksheets for children and beginners. Choose a practice mode from the home screen. Each mode prints one solid example followed by light gray tracing guides.

1. Clef Practice

- **Treble and bass clefs:** switch the clef to practice with one click.
- **Guide count:** choose how many light tracing guides appear per staff. Set it to 0 to keep only the solid example.

2. Note & Rest Practice

- **6 symbols:** whole note, half note, quarter note, eighth note, quarter rest, and eighth rest.
- **Pitch position:** notes sit on the G line (2nd staff line); rests are centered on the middle line.
- **Guide count:** adjustable, same as the other practice modes.

3. Time Signature & Barline Practice

- **2/4, 3/4, 4/4 time signatures:** digits are engraved at standard size, each filling half of the staff.
- **Barlines and final barlines:** practice drawing straight lines from the top to the bottom of the staff.

Clef	Use case
Treble clef	Voice, violin, flute, guitar melody, right-hand piano practice
Bass clef	Cello, bassoon, trombone, left-hand piano practice
Alto C clef	Viola and C-clef training
Tenor C clef	Cello, bassoon, trombone, and advanced reading practice
Percussion clef	Rhythm exercises and percussion worksheets
No clef	Free writing, theory, custom worksheets, or blank staff templates

Automatic Mode

Automatic mode calculates balanced spacing from the selected number of systems. This is the fastest way to create a clean page.

Manual Mode

Manual mode allows careful adjustment of line spacing, system spacing, margins, and line thickness. Use it when preparing a special worksheet or when your printer needs more margin space.

Control	Meaning
Systems	Number of staff systems on the page
Staff lines	Usually 5 lines for standard staff paper
Line spacing	Distance between staff lines
System spacing	Distance between each staff system
Line thickness	Visual thickness of the staff lines
Line color	Choose dark gray, soft gray, light gray, or black. Dark gray is recommended for young children.
Margins	Empty space around the printed page

Printing caution: If the printer clips the page edge, increase margins slightly or check the printer scaling setting.



Recommended Workflows

FAST RECIPES FOR COMMON USERS

For Piano Teachers

1. Select **A4 Portrait**.
2. Choose **Grand Staff**.
3. Use automatic spacing first, then adjust the number of systems.
4. Print or export to PDF for lesson handouts.

For Vocal or Melody Practice

1. Select **Single Staff**.
2. Choose treble, bass, or no clef depending on the exercise.
3. Use fewer systems for larger writing space.

For Percussion Worksheets

1. Select **Single Staff**.
2. Choose **Percussion Clef**.
3. Use landscape orientation when you want long rhythmic exercises.

For Children Ages 4-8

1. Select **My First Staff Paper Pack**.
2. Use A4 for Japan and many international printers, or Letter for North American paper.
3. Keep the line color on **Dark Gray** for a softer printed look.
4. Use the wide top space for dates, stickers, or short praise messages.

Save SVG Data

SVG is a vector format. Staff lines remain sharp even when enlarged. It is useful for archiving templates or editing them in compatible design tools.

Print and PDF Output

1. Check the preview in the app.
2. Click the print button.
3. Choose your printer, or select a PDF printer such as Microsoft Print to PDF.
4. Use actual size or the most appropriate printer setting for your device.

Trial output: During trial use, printed and SVG output includes a SAMPLE watermark.

This application uses **individual license keys**. After installation you can try all features free for **10 days**. While unlicensed, printed and SVG output includes a **SAMPLE watermark**.

How to get your license key

1. Purchase the app from the official BOOTH product page.
2. Submit the **license request form** linked on the product page (name, e-mail address, BOOTH order number).
3. Your individual license key (**BT-MFSP-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX**) will be sent by e-mail.

Activation steps

1. Click the "License" button at the top of the app.
2. Enter the key you received and click "Activate" (internet connection required).
3. When "Activation successful" appears, the SAMPLE watermark is removed.

One license key can be used on up to **3 computers**. After activation the app works offline for about 30 days between online checks. To move the license to a new computer, contact **ban.tai3educationdesign@gmail.com**.

Problem	What to check
The page is clipped when printed	Increase margins, confirm paper size, and check printer scaling.
The output has a SAMPLE watermark	This is normal during the trial. Activate a valid license key to remove it.
License activation fails	Check internet connection, key spelling, and hyphens. Try again after a short time.
The layout looks too dense	Reduce the number of systems or increase system spacing.
The staff lines look too light or heavy	Adjust line thickness in dimension settings.
Language is not English	Use the EN / 日本語 button in the upper-right header.

Version	Date	Changes
v2.0.0	2026-06-29	Added Tracing Practice Worksheets (Clefs, Notes/Rests, Time Signatures/Barlines), splash screen, home cards redesign, zoom, and print preview.
v1.4.0	2026-05-04	Added My First Staff Paper Pack, Letter paper, line color selection, and margin settings.
v1.3.2	2026-05-03	Added Japanese / English UI switching and English documents.
v1.3.1	2026-04-30	Extended staff width for landscape printing.
v1.3.0	2026-04-30	Added print preview function, later simplified for direct printing.
v1.2.9	2026-04-30	Fixed A4 portrait print size and position.
v1.2.8	2026-04-28	Initial release.

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