

Keyboard Purchase Tips

An acoustic piano is recommended for developing good technique from the get-go, since even the best keyboards can't fully replicate the feel of a "real" piano. There are often instruments available on Craigslist or FB Marketplace, or for rent through your local piano store. However, they do require more space and regular upkeep which is not always an option, so digital pianos can be great as well!

Necessities:

- Full size (88 keys)
- Touch sensitive and weighted keys
- Damper/sustain pedal attachment (often included)

Recommended:

- Adjustable piano bench and keyboard stand
- Music stand and stand light

Portable keyboards (like the Yamaha P-series) take up less space but need a sturdy stand. There are also console digital pianos which are built into a solid case with attached pedals. Nationwide music stores such as Sam Ash or Guitar Center are good places to test out digital keyboards before purchasing.

Here are some popular brands and models of varying price points.

Portable

[Yamaha P45](#)

[Casio S150](#)

[Kawai ES110](#)

Console

[Donner DDP-100](#)

[Korg LP180BK](#)

[Casio Privia](#)

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