Beginner Ornaments

Ornaments are the name we give to lovely little details we add into music to make it a little more fancy and exciting - let's get acquainted!

Grace notes or acciaccaturas

Acciaccaturas look like this:



They are small notes that appear before the written note.

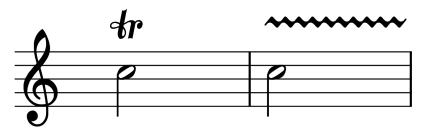
They are normally the note directly above or below the written note.

The slash through the note means that we play the acciaccatura *really quickly*.

Sometimes we call this a *crushed note*.

Trills

Trills looks like this:



The symbol is either the letters *tr* or a wiggly line over the note.

When we see this, it means that we have to move between the note written and the note above repeatedly and quickly!

The trill lasts for as long as the written note length is. So for the example above, we would play the trill for a minim (for two beats).