Printable Manuscript Paper: Staff Lines and Lyric Spacing

Worked example / complete source key

Plan vertical spacing for one staff with a lyric line beneath it, using hypothetical inputs: staff gap g = 4 mm, lyric text height t = 5 mm, buffer b = 2 mm, and a 10 mm gap from the lyric band to the next staff.

Answer: Staff height is 4g = 16 mm. The lyric band is t + 2b = 5 + 4 = 9 mm. The gap from the staff bottom line to the lyric band is not fixed here, so state it as a chosen value, for example 3 mm. One staff plus lyric band plus the 10 mm gap to the next staff totals 16 + 3 + 9 + 10 = 38 mm, excluding any gap above the staff. These are hypothetical inputs, not universal requirements; verify against your measured printable area.

Reason: Each vertical element is computed from explicit inputs so the total can be checked by addition. The staff height follows from four equal gaps, and the lyric band follows from text height plus two buffers.

Check: Recompute 4g, t + 2b, and the sum independently. Confirm the total fits your measured printable height and that no lyric text touches a staff line on a test print.