

Scale Exercises

Scales are a vital method of teaching the fingers how to "instinctively" play passages that you will encounter in music. Time spent practising scales will greatly reduce the work necessary to perform pieces.

The scales here are written with similar fingering groupings in mind. You should find this much easier and quicker to learn than starting with C major.

Scales should be practised **EVENLY** and slowly at first. Build up speed gradually.

GROUP 1

Db Major

Musical notation for the Db Major scale exercise, measures 1-8. The key signature has four flats (Bb, Eb, Ab, Db) and the time signature is 4/4. The scale is written in both treble and bass clefs. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-4 below the notes.

Treble Clef Fingerings: 2 3 1 2 | 3 4 1 2 | 3 1 2 3 | 4 1 2(3) 1 | 4 3 2 1 | 3 2 1 4 | 3 2 1 3 | 2

Bass Clef Fingerings: 3 2 1 4 | 3 2 1 3 | 2 1 4 3 | 2 1 2 1 | 2 3 4 1 | 2 3 1 2 | 3 4 1 2 | 3

B Major

Musical notation for the B Major scale exercise, measures 9-16. The key signature has two sharps (F#, C#) and the time signature is 4/4. The scale is written in both treble and bass clefs. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-4 below the notes.

Treble Clef Fingerings: 1 2 3 1 | 2 3 4 1 | 2 3 1 2 | 3 4 2(3) 4 | 3 2 1 3 | 2 1 4 3 | 2 1 3 2 | 1

Bass Clef Fingerings: 4 3 2 1 | 4 3 2 1 | 3 2 1 4 | 3 2 1 2 | 3 4 1 2 | 3 1 2 3 | 4 1 2 3 | 4

Gb Major

Musical notation for the Gb Major scale exercise, measures 17-24. The key signature has five flats (Fb, Cb, Gb, Db, Ab) and the time signature is 4/4. The scale is written in both treble and bass clefs. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-4 below the notes.

Treble Clef Fingerings: 2 3 4 1 | 2 3 1 2 | 3 4 1 2 | 3 1 2(3) 1 | 3 2 1 4 | 3 2 1 3 | 2 1 4 3 | 2

Bass Clef Fingerings: 4 3 2 1 | 3 2 1 4 | 3 2 1 3 | 2 1 2 1 | 2 3 1 2 | 3 4 1 2 | 3 1 2 3 | 4

GROUP 2

F Major

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1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 1 | 2 3 4 1 | 2 3 4 3 | 2 1 4 3 | 2 1 3 2 | 1 4 3 2 | 1

3 2 1 4 | 3 2 1 3 | 2 1 4 3 | 2 1 2 1 | 2 3 4 1 | 2 3 1 2 | 3 4 1 2 | 3

Bb Major

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2 1 2 3 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 1 | 2 3 4 3 | 2 1 3 2 | 1 4 3 2 | 1 3 2 1 | 2

3 2 1 4 | 3 2 1 3 | 2 1 4 3 | 2 1 2 1 | 2 3 4 1 | 2 3 1 2 | 3 4 1 2 | 3

Eb Major

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2 1 2 3 | 4 1 2 3 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 2 | 1 4 3 2 | 1 3 2 1 | 4 3 2 1 | 2

3 2 1 4 | 3 2 1 3 | 2 1 4 3 | 2 1 2 1 | 2 3 4 1 | 2 3 1 2 | 3 4 1 2 | 3

Ab Major

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2 3 1 2 | 3 1 2 3 | 4 1 2 3 | 1 2 3 2 | 1 3 2 1 | 4 3 2 1 | 3 2 1 3 | 2

3 2 1 4 | 3 2 1 3 | 2 1 4 3 | 2 1 2 1 | 2 3 4 1 | 2 3 1 2 | 3 4 1 2 | 3

GROUP 3

C Major

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1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3 2 1

5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 3 5

D Major

65

1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3 2 1

5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 3 5

E Major

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1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3 2 1

5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 3 5

G Major

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1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3 2 1

5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 3 5

A Major

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1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3 2 1

5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 3 5