

# The Two Most Important Scales

## Pentatonic and Major

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A Minor Pentatonic Scale first shape

The first shape of the A minor pentatonic scale is shown in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the scale notes: A2, C3, E3, G3, B3. The bass clef staff shows the fretting: 5 on the 5th string, 8 on the 4th string, 5 on the 3rd string, 7 on the 2nd string, 5 on the 1st string, and 8 on the 1st string.

A Major Pentatonic Scale 2nd shape

The second shape of the A major pentatonic scale is shown in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the scale notes: A2, C3, E3, G3, B3. The bass clef staff shows the fretting: 8 on the 5th string, 10 on the 4th string, 7 on the 3rd string, 10 on the 2nd string, 7 on the 1st string, and 9 on the 1st string.

A Minor Pentatonic Scale 3rd Shape

The third shape of the A minor pentatonic scale is shown in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the scale notes: A2, C3, E3, G3, B3. The bass clef staff shows the fretting: 10 on the 5th string, 12 on the 4th string, 10 on the 3rd string, 12 on the 2nd string, 9 on the 1st string, and 12 on the 1st string.

A Minor Pentatonic Scale 4th shape

The fourth shape of the A minor pentatonic scale is shown in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the scale notes: A2, C3, E3, G3, B3. The bass clef staff shows the fretting: 12 on the 5th string, 15 on the 4th string, 12 on the 3rd string, 15 on the 2nd string, 12 on the 1st string, and 14 on the 1st string.

A Minor Pentatonic Scale 5th shape

The fifth shape of the A minor pentatonic scale is shown in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the scale notes: A2, C3, E3, G3, B3. The bass clef staff shows the fretting: 15 on the 5th string, 17 on the 4th string, 15 on the 3rd string, 17 on the 2nd string, 14 on the 1st string, and 17 on the 1st string.

A Major Scale

The A major scale is shown in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the scale notes: A2, C3, E3, G3, B3, D4, E4, G4, B4. The bass clef staff shows the fretting: 5 on the 5th string, 7 on the 4th string, 9 on the 3rd string, 5 on the 2nd string, 7 on the 2nd string, 9 on the 2nd string, 6 on the 1st string, 7 on the 1st string, 9 on the 1st string, 6 on the 1st string, 7 on the 1st string, 9 on the 1st string, 7 on the 1st string, 9 on the 1st string, 10 on the 1st string, 7 on the 1st string, 9 on the 1st string, 10 on the 1st string.

A Dorian Scale

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5 7 8 5 7 9 5 7 | 9 5 7 9 7 8 10 7 | 8 10

A Phrygian Scale

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5 6 8 5 7 8 5 7 | 8 5 7 9 6 8 10 6 | 8 10

A Lydian Scale

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5 7 9 6 7 9 6 7 | 9 6 8 9 7 9 10 7 | 9 11

A Mixolydian Scale

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5 7 9 5 7 9 5 7 | 9 6 7 9 7 8 10 7 | 9 10

A Aeolian Scale

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5 7 8 5 7 8 5 7 | 9 5 7 9 6 8 10 7 | 8 10

A Locrian Scale

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5 6 8 5 6 8 5 7 | 8 5 7 8 6 8 10 6 | 8 10