

Major Scale Patterns



2nd String Major Scale Pattern

Musical notation for the 2nd string major scale pattern in 4/4 time. The staff shows notes with fingerings: 2, #4, #1, 2, 4, #1, #3, 4. The TAB below shows fret numbers: 5, 7, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12.

3rd String Major Scale Pattern

Musical notation for the 3rd string major scale pattern in 4/4 time. The staff shows notes with fingerings: 1, #3, #1, 2, 4, #1, #3, 4. The TAB below shows fret numbers: 9, 11, 9, 10, 12, 9, 11, 12.

4th String Major Scale Pattern (2on4)

Musical notation for the 4th string major scale pattern (2on4) in 4/4 time. The staff shows notes with fingerings: 2, #4, #1, 2, 4, #1, #3, 4. The TAB below shows fret numbers: 14, 16, 13, 14, 16, 14, 16, 17.

4th String Major Scale Pattern (2on4)

Musical notation for the 4th string major scale pattern (2on4) in 4/4 time. The staff shows notes with fingerings: 4, #1, #3, 4, 2, #4, #1, 2. The TAB below shows fret numbers: 14, 11, 13, 14, 12, 14, 11, 12.

5th String Major Scale Pattern (2on5)

Musical notation for the 5th String Major Scale Pattern (2on5). The notation is in 4/4 time, G major, and 8va. The first staff shows the scale in treble clef with fingerings: 2, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1, 3, 4. The second staff shows the guitar TAB with fret numbers: 7, 9, 6, 7, 9, 6, 8, 9.

5th String Major Scale Pattern (4on5)

Musical notation for the 5th String Major Scale Pattern (4on5). The notation is in 4/4 time, G major, and 8va. The first staff shows the scale in treble clef with fingerings: 4, 1, 3, 4, 1, 3, 1, 2. The second staff shows the guitar TAB with fret numbers: 7, 4, 6, 7, 4, 6, 4, 5.

6th String Major Scale Pattern (2on6)

Musical notation for the 6th String Major Scale Pattern (2on6). The notation is in 4/4 time, G major, and 8va. The first staff shows the scale in treble clef with fingerings: 2, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1, 3, 4. The second staff shows the guitar TAB with fret numbers: 12, 14, 11, 12, 14, 11, 13, 14.

6th String Major Scale Pattern (4on6)

Musical notation for the 6th String Major Scale Pattern (4on6). The notation is in 4/4 time, G major, and 8va. The first staff shows the scale in treble clef with fingerings: 4, 1, 3, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2. The second staff shows the guitar TAB with fret numbers: 12, 9, 11, 12, 9, 11, 8, 9.

3 Notes Per String Pattern

8

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A
B

12-14-16 12-14-16 13-14 16 13-14-16 14-16-17 14 16-17-16-14 17-16-14 16

4

8

T
A
B

14-13 16-14-13 16-14-12 16-14-12

Things to remember:

- All scales can be moved to any position as long as you keep the same pattern in the fingers. Doing this will change the key.
- Major scale pattern on a single string is W-W-W-W-H.
- The following scales can be connected and played as two octave scales:
 - 4th string 2on4 can connect with 2nd string pattern
 - 5th string 2on4 can connect with 3rd string pattern
 - 5th string 4on4 can connect with 2nd string pattern
 - 6th string 2on4 can connect with 4th string 4on4
 - 6th string 4on4 can connect with 3rd string pattern