

Gary Jugert's Mandolin Method

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G'dae = Good Day Australian Style



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about the same way.



You'll need a pick.
Get some with grips on them.
Get a variety of thicknesses.



These are your left-hand fingering numbers.

They are not the same as piano.

Finger 1 covers Frets 1 and 2

Finger 2 covers Frets 3 and 4

Finger 3 covers Frets 5 and 6

Finger 4 covers Fret 7

Higher frets get complicated so just start
over with Finger 1 for now.



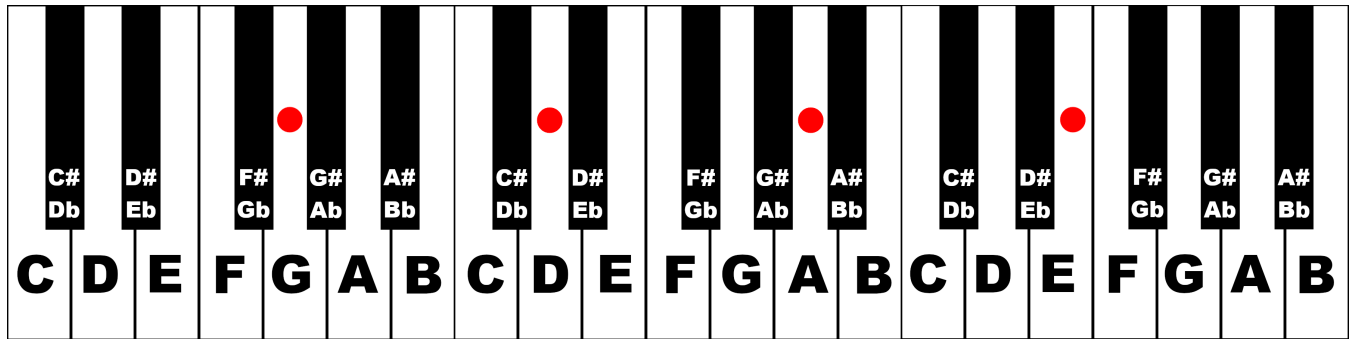
This symbol means
pluck downward.
It's usually on-beat.



This symbol means
pluck upward.
It's usually off-beat.

The Mandolin Fretboard

There will be no point to proceed until you've memorized everything on this page.
Yes, it's difficult. Do it.



Fret	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
String 1	E	F		G		A		B	C		D		E	F		G
String 2	A		B	C		D		E	F		G		A		B	C
String 3	D		E	F		G		A		B	C		D		E	F
String 4	G		A		B	C		D		E	F		G		A	

$\text{♩} = 120$

String 1

1 0 1 2 3 4 1 2 3

E F G A B C D E

String 2

2 0 1 2 3 4 1 2 3

A B C D E F G A

String 3

3 0 1 2 3 4 1 2 3

D E F G A B C D

String 4

4 0 1 2 3 4 1 2 3

G A B C D E F G

C Major Scale

♩ = 100 Key of C (no sharps or flats)

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How long does each note last?

A note with a stem and a solid dot is worth one beat.

Quarter Note

A note with a stem and a hollow dot is worth two beats.

Half Note

Notes with flags on the stem are worth a half beat each.

Eighth Notes

Sometimes they're connected by a bar.

Eighth Notes

Any note with a dot after it is worth 50% more than usual. This is worth a beat and a half.

Dotted Quarter Note

This is worth three beats.

Dotted Quarter Note

This is worth four delicious beats.

Whole Note

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♩ = 140 **Beethoven's Ode to Joy theme in C major**

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♩ = 140 **Three Blind Mice in C major**

Three blind mice. Three blind mice. See how they run. See how they run. They

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all went af-ter the far-mer's wife. She cut off their tails with a car-ving knife have you

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e-ver seen such a sight in your life like three blind mice.

G Major Scale

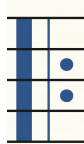
♩ = 100 Key of G (All F notes are sharped.)

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♩ = 140 London Bridge in G major

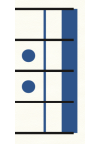
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Repeats



Forward repeat symbol

When you see two bars and two dots like these, you'll be repeating a section. The backward repeat tells you when to go back and the forward repeat tells you where to restart.



Backward repeat symbol

♩ = 100 Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and the ABC Song

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A B C D E F G H I J K LMN O P Q R S and T U V
 Twink - le twink - le lit - tle star how I won - der what you are. Up a - bove the world so high,

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W and X and Y and Z Now I know my A B C's, next time won't you sing with me?
 like a dia-mond in the sky. Twink - le twink - le lit - tle star, how I won - der what you are.

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