

Major Scale Fingering Groups

Group I: Sharp Keys (Plus C): C, G, D, A, E

Right hand 4th finger on the **7th** degree of the scale (e.g. 1-2-3-1-2-3-**4**-5).

Left hand 4th finger on the **2nd** degree of the scale (e.g. 5-**4**-3-2-1-3-2-1).

When played hands together, 3's play at the same time, 1 and 2 oppose each other in the middle:

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

Group II: Enharmonic Keys: B/Cb, Gb/F#, Db/C#

Group of two black keys are played with **RH 2-3** or **LH 3-2**.

Group of three black keys are played with **RH 2-3-4** or **LH 4-3-2**.

White keys are **always** played by the thumb.

B/Cb

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

Gb/F#

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

Db/C#

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

Group III: Flat Keys: Bb, Eb, Ab

RH 4 on **Bb**.

LH 4 on the **4th degree** of the scale.

Bb

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

Eb

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

Ab

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

Composite: Key of F

RH: Group III fingering (4 on Bb).

LH: Group I (finger 4 on the 2nd degree of the scale).

NOTE: Most sources will list RH as 1-2-3-4-1-2-3-4. I prefer that finger 4 only ever play one note in the scale.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 |



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