

MELODIC MINOR SCALES

ORDER OF INTERVALS for every melodic minor scale

The melodic minor scale follows the minor key signature and makes two chromatic adjustments by raising the 6th and 7th degrees each by a semitone, when ascending only. It is one way to play a scale in a minor key; the other ways are the harmonic minor scale, which also makes a chromatic adjustment, and the natural minor scale, which makes no chromatic adjustments.

Diagram illustrating the interval structure of the melodic minor scale. The scale is shown in both treble and bass clefs. The intervals between notes are: Tone, Semitone, Tone, Tone, Tone, Tone, Semitone, Tone, Tone, Semitone, Tone, Tone, Semitone, Tone. Arrows indicate ascending and descending directions.

A melodic minor (Key signature: no # or b; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: F# & G#)

Musical notation for the A melodic minor scale. The right hand fingering is: 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1. The left hand fingering is: 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5.

MELODIC MINOR SCALES with sharp key signatures

E melodic minor (Key signature: F#; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: C# & D#)

Musical notation for the E melodic minor scale. The right hand fingering is: 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1. The left hand fingering is: 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5.

B melodic minor (Key signature: F# & C#; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: G# & A#)

Musical notation for the B melodic minor scale. The right hand fingering is: 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1. The left hand fingering is: 4 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4.

F# melodic minor (Key signature: F#, C# & G#; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: D# & E#)

Musical notation for the F# melodic minor scale. The right hand fingering is: 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3. The left hand fingering is: 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 1 2 3 1 2 3 4.

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C# melodic minor (Key signature: F#, C#, G# & D#; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: A# & B#)

RIGHT HAND FINGERING
2 3 1 2 3 4 1 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3

LEFT HAND FINGERING
3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3

G# melodic minor (Key signature: F#, C#, G#, D# & A#; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: E# & F#)

RIGHT HAND FINGERING
3 4 1 2 3 1 2 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3

LEFT HAND FINGERING
3 2 1 4 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3

D# melodic minor (Key signature: F#, C#, G#, D#, A# & E#; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: B# & C#)

RIGHT HAND FINGERING
3 1 2 3 4 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3

LEFT HAND FINGERING
2 1 4 3 2 1 3 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2

A# melodic minor (Key signature: F#, C#, G#, D#, A#, E# & B#; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: F# & G#)

RIGHT HAND FINGERING
4 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 4

LEFT HAND FINGERING
2 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 3 4 1 2 3 1 2

MELODIC MINOR SCALES with flat key signatures

D melodic minor (Key signature: Bb; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: B# & C#)

RIGHT HAND FINGERING
1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1

LEFT HAND FINGERING
5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5

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G melodic minor (Key signature: B \flat & E \flat ; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: E \natural & F \sharp)

RIGHT HAND FINGERING
1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1

LEFT HAND FINGERING
5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5

C melodic minor (Key signature: B \flat , E \flat & A \flat ; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: A \natural & B \natural)

RIGHT HAND FINGERING
1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1

LEFT HAND FINGERING
5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5

F melodic minor (Key signature: B \flat , E \flat , A \flat & D \flat ; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: D \natural & E \natural)

RIGHT HAND FINGERING
1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 4 3 2 1

LEFT HAND FINGERING
5 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 5

B \flat melodic minor (Key signature: B \flat , E \flat , A \flat , D \flat & G \flat ; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: G \natural & A \natural)

RIGHT HAND FINGERING
4 1 2 3 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 3 2 1 4

LEFT HAND FINGERING
2 1 3 2 1 4 3 2 3 4 1 2 3 1 2

E \flat melodic minor (Key signature: B \flat , E \flat , A \flat , D \flat , G \flat & C \flat ; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: C \natural & D \natural)

RIGHT HAND FINGERING
3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3

LEFT HAND FINGERING
2 1 4 3 2 1 3 2 3 1 2 3 4 1 2

A \flat melodic minor (Key signature: B \flat , E \flat , A \flat , D \flat , G \flat , C \flat & F \flat ; with raised 6th and 7th degrees when ascending: F \natural & G \natural)

RIGHT HAND FINGERING
3 4 1 2 3 1 2 3 2 1 3 2 1 4 3

LEFT HAND FINGERING
3 2 1 4 3 2 1 3 1 2 3 4 1 2 3