

The Beginner's Guide to Mini-Scales

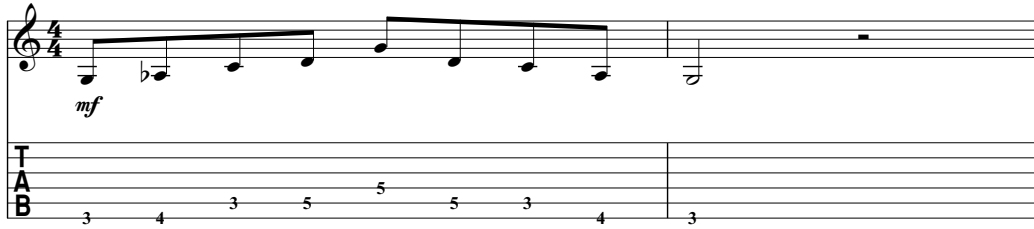
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Ex. 1

Moderately slow ♩ = 80

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Ex. 1 is a musical exercise in 4/4 time, moderately slow (♩ = 80). It is written for guitar in standard tuning (E2-A2-D3-G3-B3-E4). The notation consists of a treble clef staff and a guitar tablature staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody starts on the first string, first fret (Bb), and proceeds with eighth notes: Bb1, C2, D2, E2, F2, G2, A2, B2, C3, D3, E3, F3, G3, A3, B3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, 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Ex. 3

Moderately slow ♩ = 80

G7^b9sus4

Musical notation for Ex. 3, G7^b9sus4 scale. The notation is in 4/4 time, moderately slow (♩ = 80). The scale is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on G4, moves up stepwise to D5, then down stepwise to G4. The guitar tablature below shows the fret positions: 1, 3, 5, 6, 5, 3, 4, 3, 3, 5, 6, 5, 3, 4, 3.

A^bmaj7[#]11

Musical notation for Ex. 3, A^bmaj7[#]11 scale. The notation is in 4/4 time, moderately slow (♩ = 80). The scale is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat, E-flat). The melody starts on A^b4, moves up stepwise to E^b5, then down stepwise to A^b4. The guitar tablature below shows the fret positions: 3, 5, 5, 4, 3, 5, 6, 5, 3, 4, 3, 3, 5, 6, 5, 3, 4, 3.

Fm⁶

Musical notation for Ex. 3, Fm⁶ scale. The notation is in 4/4 time, moderately slow (♩ = 80). The scale is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat, E-flat). The melody starts on F4, moves up stepwise to C5, then down stepwise to F4. The guitar tablature below shows the fret positions: 8, 7, 6, 8, 3, 4, 3, 5, 6, 5, 3, 4, 3, 3, 5, 6, 5, 3, 4, 3.

Ex. 4

Moderately slow ♩ = 80

NC.

Musical notation for Ex. 4, NC scale. The notation is in 4/4 time, moderately slow (♩ = 80). The scale is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on G4, moves up stepwise to D5, then down stepwise to G4. The guitar tablature below shows the fret positions: 3, 2, 5, 6, 5, 4, 3, 4, 3, 7, 3, 4, 3, 4, 5, 6, 5, 2, 3.

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Ex. 5

Moderately slow ♩ = 80

N.C.

mf

TAB 3 2 5 6 5 4 7 8 8 7 10 11 10 7 8 8 7 4 5 6 5 2 3

Ex. 6

Moderately slow ♩ = 80

N.C.

mf

TAB 0 3 4 5 7 5 6 7 9 8 9 10 12 10 9 8 9 7 6 5 7 5 4 3 0

Ex. 7

Moderately slow ♩ = 74 (♩ = ♩)

N.C.

mf

TAB 3 4 3 5 3 4 5 5 3 5 5 6 5 3 5 5 5 4 3 3 5 6 5 (5) 6 5 5

Ex. 8

Fast ♩ = 190

Dm7b5

G7#5

Cm7

mf

TAB 3 4 3 5 5 6 5 3 7 6 4 3 4 5 3 4 5