

Band 1 - Chromatic Scales

A Chromatic Scale like playing the fingering chart - you will play every possible note on your instrument, in order, from low to high, or high to low.

Going up, notes will be named with sharps. Going down, notes will be named with flats. That means that every sharp or flat note really has 2 names!

Clarinets and Saxophones have special fingerings for certain notes. These alternate fingerings are required, not optional.

Your goal is to memorize the order of fingerings, and be able to play them quickly! You don't have to memorize the names of the notes, just the fingerings.

Step 1:

Trumpets, **Clarinets**, Bassoons, and Horns should memorize these fingerings as soon as possible, and play as quickly as possible:

C C# D D# E F **F#** G G **Gb** F E Eb D Db C

Tubas, Baritones, and Trombones should memorize these fingerings as soon as possible, and play as quickly as possible:

A# B C C# D D# E F F E Eb D Db C B Bb

Flutes, Oboes, and **Saxophones** should memorize these fingerings as soon as possible, and play as quickly as possible:

G G# A A# B **C** C# D D Db **C** B Bb A Ab G

Step 2:

Trumpets, **Clarinets**, Bassoons, and Horns should memorize these fingerings as soon as possible, and play as quickly as possible:

G G# A A# **B** C C **B** Bb A Ab G

Tubas, Baritones, and Trombones should memorize these fingerings as soon as possible, and play as quickly as possible:

F F# G G# A A# Bb A Ab G Gb F

Flutes, Oboes, and **Saxophones** should memorize these fingerings as soon as possible, and play as quickly as possible:

D D# E F **F#** G G **Gb** F E Eb D

Step 3:

Playing in unison. Clarinets will learn the lowest notes in the lower register.

Trumpets, Clarinets, Tenor Sax:

E F F# G G# A A Ab G Gb F E

Flutes, Oboes, Mallets, Bassoons, Trombones, Baritones, Tubas:

D D# E F F# G G Gb F E Eb D

Alto Saxes and Bari Saxes:

B **C** C# D D# E E Eb D Db **C** B

Horns in F:

A A# B C C# D D Db C B Bb A

Step 4:

Playing in unison. Clarinets will learn the throat tones.

Trumpets, **Clarinets**, Tenor Sax:

F **F#** G G# A A# Bb A Ab G **Gb** F

Flutes, Oboes, Mallets, Bassoons, Trombones, Baritones, Tubas:

D# E F **F#** G G# Ab G Gb F E Eb

Alto Saxes and Bari Saxes:

C C# D D# E F F E Eb D Db **C**

Horns in F:

A# B C C# D D# Eb D Db C B Bb

Step 5:

You know all of the chromatic notes and fingerings. It doesn't matter which note you start on, the order of notes and fingerings will always be the same. Choose any pitch, and see if you can play at least 8-10 notes in a row.