

Skoog 2.0

Pentatonics



- Pentatonic scales are very common and are found all over the world, including Celtic folk music, Hungarian folk music, West African music, African folk music, Jazz, American blues and rock, to Western Classical composers such as French composer Claude Debussy.
- Technically speaking, any scale composed of five notes can be called a pentatonic scale (penta = five and tonic = notes). Luckily there are two different pentatonic scales that will cover most of the playing situations that you will encounter. These two scales are referred to as the MAJOR PENTATONIC and the MINOR PENTATONIC.
- Pentatonic scales are a great way to start in music, especially at the primary/elementary level. Developing creativity through improvisation and hands on play with Skoog students can make music, together without the risk of wrong notes.
- Skoog's Pentatonic scales give a safe space for children to play and explore musical sounds, expression, musicality and making music as a group.

COMPATIBLE PENTATONIC SCALE

	C Major	C Minor	C# Major	C# Minor	D Major	D Minor	D# Major	D# Minor	E Major	E Minor	F Major	F Minor	F# Major	F# Minor	G Major	G Minor	G# Major	G# Minor	A Major	A Minor	A# Major	A# Minor	B Major	B Minor
C Major	●					●				●	●				●					●				
C Minor		●					●					●				●	●				●			
C# Major			●					●				●	●				●					●		
C# Minor				●					●				●				●	●					●	
D Major					●					●			●	●					●					●
D Minor	●					●					●					●				●	●			
D# Major		●					●					●				●	●				●			
D# Minor			●					●					●				●				●	●		
E Major				●					●					●			●	●					●	
E Minor	●				●					●					●					●				●
F Major	●					●					●					●				●	●			
F Minor		●	●				●					●				●					●		●	
F# Major			●					●					●				●				●	●		
F# Minor				●	●				●				●				●			●			●	
G Major	●				●					●					●					●				●
G Minor		●				●	●				●					●				●				●
G# Major		●	●				●					●				●					●			
G# Minor				●				●	●				●				●					●		●
A Major				●	●				●				●				●			●				●
A Minor	●					●				●	●				●					●				
A# Major		●				●	●				●					●					●			
A# Minor			●					●				●	●			●					●		●	
B Major				●				●	●				●				●						●	
B Minor					●					●				●	●					●				●

LOOP KEY

Use this chart to work out what pentatonic scale you can use for your loop. For example: to play along to a backing loop/track in the key of F Major, the pentatonic scales that you can use are C Major, D Minor, F Major, G Minor, A Minor, and A# Major. Simply select one of these pentatonic scales on the Note Tab in the Skoogmusic software, and play away!

We reckon we have all keys - major and minor - covered. If we have missed out anything, or if you would like a particular loop in another key, then send us a request and we will get that sorted for you!