

PENTATONIC PATTERNS

in Cm

♩ = 80

C minor pentatonic (ascending): ↗

Legend:

- Step up ↗
- Step down ↘
- Two steps upward ↗↗
- Two steps backward ↘↘
- ...

R: Root
-3rd: Minor third
4th: Fourth
5th: Fifth
7th: Seventh

Minor pentatonic construction: R ↗ -3rd ↗ 4th ↗ 5th ↗ 7th

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R ↗ -3rd ↗ 4th ↗ 5th ↗ 7th ↗ R ↗ -3rd ↗ 4th ↗ 5th ↗ 7th ↗ R ↗ -3rd ↗ R

C minor pentatonic (descending): ↘

R ↘ 7th ↘ 5th ↘ 4th ↘ -3rd ↘ R ↘ 7th ↘ 5th ↘ 4th ↘ -3rd ↘ R

5 6

Two steps upward (ascending): ↗↗/↘

Play alternate picking or legato as shown

R ↗↗ 4th ↘ -3rd ↗↗ 5th ↘ 4th ↗↗ 7th ↘ 5th ↗↗ R ↗↗ 7th ↘ -3rd ↗↗ R ↗↗ 4th ↘ 3rd ↗↗ 5th ↘ 4th ↗↗ 7th ↘ P

PENTATONIC PATTERNS by

5th R 7th -3rd R

9 1 4 4 1 10

(n) V n V p (n)

8 8 11 11 8

TAB

11 12

TAB

Two steps downward (descending): ↘ ↘ / ↗

R 5th 7th 4th 5th -3rd 4th R -3rd 7th R 5th 7th 4th 5th -3rd

13 1 4 3 1 3 3 14 1 3 3 1 3 4

H H H H

(n) (n) (n) (n)

V H V H V H V

8 8 11 10 8 8 10 10 8 10 10 8 10 11

TAB

4th R

15 1 1 1 16

V

8 8

TAB

17 18

TAB

Two steps downward (ascending): ↘ ↘ / ↗ ↗

4th R 5th -3rd 7th 4th R 5th -3rd 7th 4th R 5th -3rd 7th 4th

19 1 1 3 1 3 3 20 1 3 3 1 1 4 3

V V V V V V V

8 8 10 11 8 8 10 10 8 8 10 10 8 8 11 10

TAB

R 5th -3rd 7th

21 22

8 8 11 11

23 24

TAB

Two steps upward (descending): ↗ ↗ ↘ ↘

5th R 4th 7th -3rd 5th R 4th 7th -3rd 5th R 4th 7th -3rd 5th

25 26

8 8 10 11 8 8 10 10 8 8 10 10 8 8 11 10

R

27 28

8

29 30

TAB

Two steps upward/down (ascending): ↗ ↗ ↗ ↘ ↘ ↗

△ You can also use sweep picking technique as shown here

R 4th 5th -3rd 4th 7th R 5th 7th -3rd 4th R -3rd 5th 7th 4th

31 32

8 8 10 11 8 8 10 10 8 8 10 10 8 8 11 10

PENTATONIC PATTERNS by

5th R -3rd 7th R

33 34

H (V)

8 8 11 11 8

T
A
B

35 36

T
A
B

Two steps downward/up (ascending): ↘ ↘ ↗ ↗ ↗ ↗

4th R -3rd 5th 7th 4th 5th R -3rd 7th R 4th 5th -3rd 4th 7th

37 38

H H

V V H (H) H V H (H) H

8 8 11 10 8 8 10 10 8 8 10 10 8 8 10 11

T
A
B

R 5th 7th -3rd

39 40

H

V H (H) H

8 8 11 11

T
A
B

41 42

T
A
B

Two steps upward/down (descending): ↗ ↗ ↘ ↘ ↘ ↘

5th R 7th 4th -3rd 5th 4th R 7th -3rd R 5th 4th 7th 5th -3rd

43 44

P P P P P

8 8 11 10 8 8 10 10 8 8 10 10 8 8 10 11

T
A
B

45 R 4th -3rd 46

TAB 8 8 11

47 48

TAB

Two steps downward/up (descending): ↘ ↘ / ↗ / ↗ / ↗

R 5th 4th 7th 5th -3rd R 4th -3rd 7th 5th R 7th 4th -3rd 5th

TAB 8 8 10 11 8 8 10 10 8 8 10 10 8 11 10

51 4th R 52

TAB 8 8

53 54

TAB

One step downward (ascending): ↘ / ↗ ↗

R 7th -3rd R 4th -3rd 5th 4th 7th 5th R 7th -3rd R 4th -3rd

TAB 8 6 11 8 8 11 10 8 8 10 10 8 10 10 8

5th 4th 7th 5th R 7th -3rd R

P

57 58

P

8 10 11 8 8 11 11 8

T
A
B

59 60

T
A
B

One step upward (descending): ↗/↘↘

R -3rd 7th R 5th 7th 4th 5th -3rd 4th R -3rd 7th R 5th 7th

H

61 62

H

8 11 11 8 8 11 10 8 8 10 10 8 8 10 10 8

T
A
B

4th 5th -3rd 4th R

H

63 64

H

8 10 11 8 8

T
A
B

65 66

T
A
B

Group of 3 upward (ascending): ↗/↗/↗

R -3rd 4th -3rd 4th 5th 4th 5th 7th 5th 7th R 7th R -3rd R

H

67 68

H

8 11 8 11 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10

T
A
B

-3rd 4th -3rd 4th 5th 4th 5th 7th 5th 7th R

H H H H

69 70

8 10 8 10 8 10 8 11 8 11 8

71 72

TAB

Group of 3 downward (ascending): ↘/↘/↘

4th -3rd R 5th 4th -3rd 7th 5th 4th R 7th 5th -3rd R 7th 4th

P P P P P P P P

73 74

8 11 8 10 8 11 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10

-3rd R 5th 4th -3rd 7th 5th 4th R 7th 5th -3rd R 7th

P P P P P P P

75 76

8 10 8 10 8 11 8 10 8 11 8 11 8 11

77 78

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Group of 3 downward (descending): ↙/↙/↙

R 7th 5th 7th 5th 4th 5th 4th -3rd 4th -3rd R -3rd R 7th R

P P P P P P P

79 80

8 11 8 11 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10

7th 5th 7th 5th 4th 5th 4th -3rd 4th -3rd R

T
A
B

83 84

T
A
B

Group of 3 upward (descending): ↗/↗/↘ ↘ ↘

5th 7th R 4th 5th 7th -3rd 4th 5th R -3rd 4th 7th R -3rd 5th

T
A
B

7th R 4th 5th 7th -3rd 4th 5th R

T
A
B

89 90

T
A
B

Group of 3 up/down (ascending): ↗/↗/↗ ↘/↘/↘

R -3rd 4th 5th 4th -3rd 4th 5th 7th R 7th 5th 7th R -3rd 4th

T
A
B

-3rd R -3rd 4th 5th 7th 5th 4th 5th 7th R -3rd R 7th R

H P H P

93 94

TAB

95 96

TAB

Group of 3 down/up (ascending): ↘/↗/↗/↗/↗/↗

4th -3rd R -3rd 4th 5th 7th 5th 4th 5th 7th R -3rd R 7th R

P H P H P H P

97 98

TAB

-3rd 4th 5th 4th -3rd 4th 5th 7th R 7th 5th 7th R -3rd

H P H P H P H

99 100

TAB

101 102

TAB

Group of 3 up/down (descending): ↗/↘/↘/↘/↘/↘

5th 7th R 7th 5th 4th -3rd 4th 5th 4th -3rd R 7th R -3rd R

H P H P H P H P

103 104

TAB

PENTATONIC PATTERNS by

7th 5th 4th 5th 7th 5th 4th -3rd R -3rd 4th -3rd R 7th

H P H P *sl.*

105 106

8 10 8 10 8 10 8 11 8 11 8 11 8 6

107 108

T A B

Group of 3 down/up (descending): ↘/↗/↘/↗/↘/↗

R 7th 5th 4th 5th 7th 5th 4th -3rd R -3rd 4th -3rd R 7th 5th

P H P H P H P

109 110

8 11 8 10 8 11 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10

7th R 7th 5th 4th -3rd 4th 5th 4th -3rd R 7th R -3rd R

H P H P H P *sl.* H

111 112

8 10 8 10 8 11 8 10 8 11 8 6 8 6 8

113 114

T A B

Group of 4 upward (ascending): ↗/↗/↗/↘

R -3rd 4th 5th -3rd 4th 5th 7th 4th 5th 7th R 5th 7th R -3rd

H H H H H H H

115 116

8 11 8 10 11 8 10 8 8 10 8 10 10 8 10 8

7th R -3rd 4th R -3rd 4th 5th -3rd 4th 5th 7th 4th 5th 7th R

H H H H H H H

117 1 3 1 3 3 1 3 1 118 1 3 1 4 3 1 4 1

H H H H H H H

T 8 10 8 10 10 8 10 8 8 11 10 8 11 8

A 8 10 8 10 10 8 10 8 8 11 10 8 11 8

B 8 10 8 10 10 8 10 8 8 11 10 8 11 8

5th 7th R -3rd 7th R -3rd 4th

H H H H sl.

119 1 4 1 4 4 1 4 4 120

H H H sl.

T 8 11 8 11 11 8 11 13

A 8 11 8 11 11 8 11 13

B 8 11 8 11 11 8 11 13

121 122

T

A

B

Group of 4 downward (ascending): ↘/↘/↘/↗↗↗↗

5th 4th -3rd R 7th 5th 4th -3rd R 7th 5th 4th -3rd R 7th 5th

↘ ↘ ↘ ↗ ↗ ↗ ↗ P P P P P P P P P P P P

123 1 3 1 4 1 3 1 3 124 3 1 3 1 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 1

P P P P P P P P P P P P

T 10 8 11 8 8 10 8 11 10 8 10 8 8 10 8 10

A 10 8 11 8 8 10 8 11 10 8 10 8 8 10 8 10

B 10 8 11 8 8 10 8 11 10 8 10 8 8 10 8 10

4th -3rd R 7th 5th 4th -3rd R 7th 5th 4th -3rd R 7th 5th 4th

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125 3 1 3 1 1 3 1 3 126 4 1 3 1 1 4 1 4 1 3 1 3 1

P P P P P P P P P P P P

T 10 8 10 8 8 10 8 10 11 8 10 8 8 11 8 10

A 10 8 10 8 8 10 8 10 11 8 10 8 8 11 8 10

B 10 8 10 8 8 10 8 10 11 8 10 8 8 11 8 10

PENTATONIC PATTERNS by

-3rd R 7th 5th 4th -3rd R 7th

p p sl p

Group of 4 upward (descending): ↗/↗/↗/↗ ↘↘↘↘

4th 5th 7th R -3rd 4th 5th 7th R -3rd 4th 5th 7th R -3rd 4th

H H H H H H H H

5th 7th R -3rd 4th 5th 7th R -3rd 4th 5th 7th R

H H H H H H H H

Group of 4 downward (descending): ↘/↘/↘/↘ ↗↗↗↗

R 7th 5th 4th 7th 5th 4th -3rd 5th 4th -3rd R 4th -3rd R 7th

p p p p p p p p

-3rd R 7th 5th R 7th 5th 4th 7th 5th 4th -3rd 5th 4th -3rd R
 P P P P P P P

139 140

8 10 8 10 10 8 10 8 8 10 8 11 10 8 11 8

141 142

T A B

Group of 4 up/down (ascending): ↗/↗/↗/↗/↘/↘/↘/↘

R -3rd 4th 5th 7th 5th 4th -3rd 4th 5th 7th R -3rd R 7th 5th
 ↗ ↗ ↗ ↗ ↘ ↘ ↘ ↗ ↗ ↗ ↗ ↘ ↘ ↘ ↗ ↗

143 144

H H P H H P H H P

8 11 8 10 8 10 8 11 8 10 8 10 8 10

7th R -3rd 4th 5th 4th -3rd R -3rd 4th 5th 7th R 7th 5th 4th
 ↗ ↗ ↗ ↗ ↘ ↘ ↗ ↗ ↗ ↗ ↘ ↘ ↗ ↗ ↗ ↗

145 146

H H P H H P H H P

8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 11 8 11 8 10

5th 7th R -3rd
 ↗ ↗ ↗ ↗

147 148

H H

8 11 8 11

149 150

T A B

Group of 4 down/up (ascending): ♭/♭/♭/♭/♭/♭/♭/♭/♭/♭

5th 4th -3rd R -3rd 4th 5th 7th R 7th 5th 4th 5th 7th R -3rd

TAB: 10 8 11 8 11 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 8

4th -3rd R 7th R -3rd 4th 5th 7th 5th 4th -3rd 4th 5th 7th R

TAB: 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 11 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 11 8

-3rd R 7th 5th 7th R -3rd 4th

TAB: 11 8 11 8 11 8 11 8 11 8 11 13

157 158

TAB: 10 8 11 8 11 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 8

Group of 4 up/down (descending): ♯/♯/♯/♯/♯/♯/♯/♯/♯/♯

4th 5th 7th R 7th 5th 4th -3rd R -3rd 4th 5th 4th -3rd R 7th

TAB: 10 8 11 8 11 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 8

5th 7th R -3rd R 7th 5th 4th -3rd 4th 5th 7th 5th 4th -3rd R

H P P H P P

TAB 10 8 10 8 10 8 11 8 10 8 10 8 11 8

163 164

TAB

Group of 4 down/up (descending): ↘/↘/↘/↘/↗/↗/↗/↗

R 7th 5th 4th -3rd 4th 5th 7th 5th 4th -3rd R 7th R -3rd 4th

P H H P H H

TAB 8 11 8 10 8 10 8 11 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10

-3rd R 7th 5th 4th 5th 7th R 7th 5th 4th -3rd

P H H P P

TAB 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 11 8