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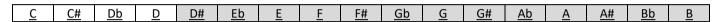
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Best, Jeff(rey) Williams March 2025

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All Scales and Modes



Major Scales (Ionian Modes)

	C#	Db	ר	D#	Eh	Е	Е	E#	Gh	G	G#	۸h	Λ	A#	Bb	D
<u></u>	<u>C#</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>D#</u>	LU	<u>L</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>Gb</u>	<u>u</u>	<u>G#</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

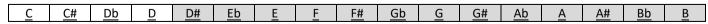
Whole-Tone Scales

C	C#	Db	D	D#	Eb	F	F	F#	Gb	G	G#	Ab	Α	A#	Bb	В
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Lydian Modes

<u>C</u>	<u>C#</u>	<u>Db</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>Eb</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>F#</u>	Gb	<u>G</u>	<u>G#</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A#</u>	<u>Bb</u>	<u>B</u>
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Lydian Flat-Seven Scales



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Mixolydian Modes F# Gb G# C# Db D# Eb Ab Bb В **Major Pentatonic Scales** Eb F# Gb G G# Ab A# Bb В C# Db D D# **Major Blues Scales** F# G G# C# Db D D# Eb Ε Gb Ab A# Bb В **Melodic Jazz Minor Scales** F# G G# Ab Bb В C# Db D# Eb Gb A# **Dorian Modes** C# Db D D# Eb F# Gb G G# Ab A# Bb В **Harmonic Minor Scales** C# D# Eb F# Gb G G# Ab A# Bb Db D Ε В

Natural Minor Scales (Aeolian Modes) C# Db D# Eb F# Gb G# Ab A# Bb В Diminished (Whole-Half) Scales F# Gb G G# Ab A# Bb В C# Db D D# Eb Diminished (Half-Whole) Scales G G# C# Db D D# Eb Ε F# Gb Ab A# Bb В **Super Locrian Scales** G G# Bb В C# Db D# Eb F# Gb Ab A# D **Phrygian Modes** C# Db D D# Eb F# Gb G G# Ab A# Bb В **Locrian Modes** C# D D# Eb F# Gb G G# Db Ε Ab A# Bb В

Blues w/Major Third Scales

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<u>C</u>	<u>C#</u>	<u>Db</u>	<u> </u>	D#	ED	<u> </u>	<u>г</u>	<u> </u>	Gb	<u> </u>	G#	<u>Ab</u>	A	<u>A#</u>	Bb	<u> </u>

Minor Pentatonic Scales

<u>C</u>	<u>C#</u>	<u>Db</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>D#</u>	<u>Eb</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>F#</u>	<u>Gb</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>G#</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A#</u>	<u>Bb</u>	<u>B</u>

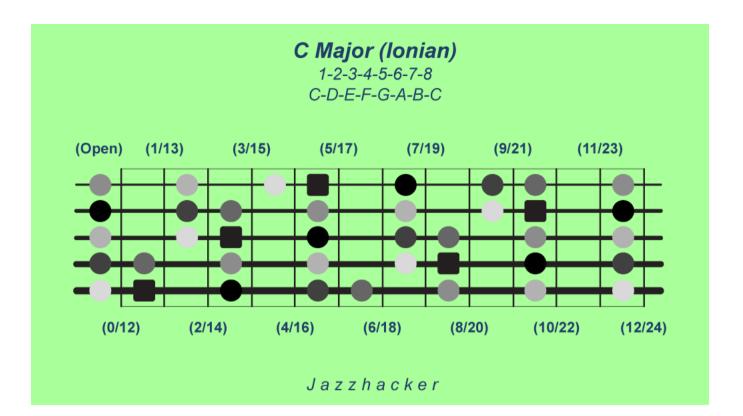
Minor Blues Scales

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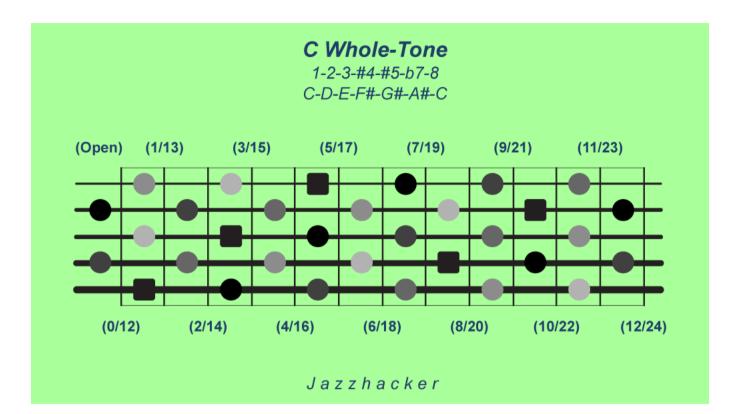
Half-Diminished Scales

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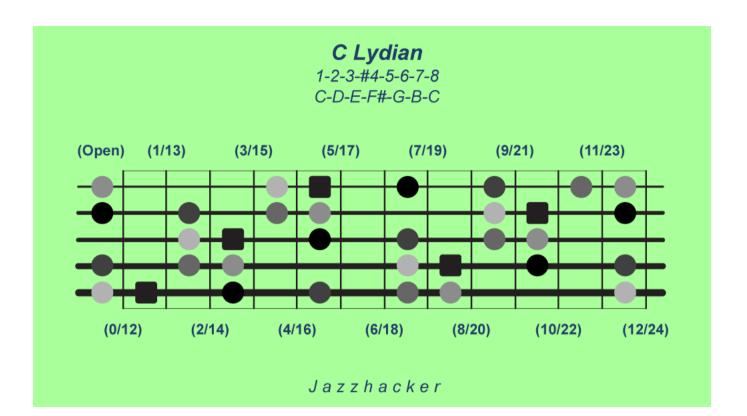
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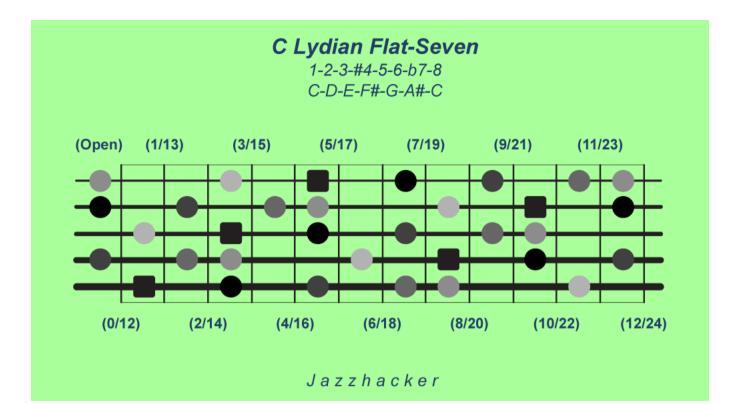
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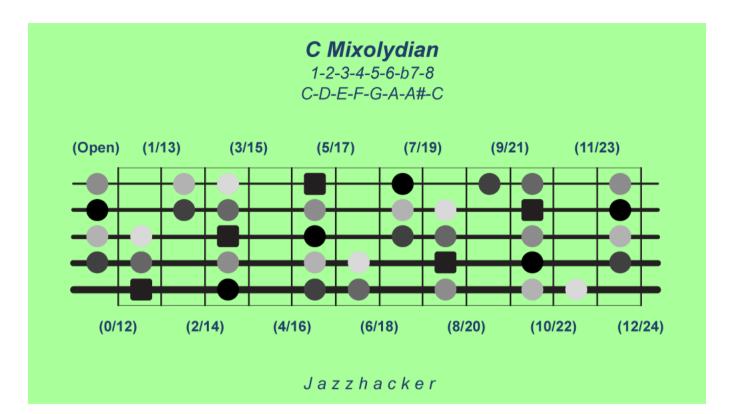
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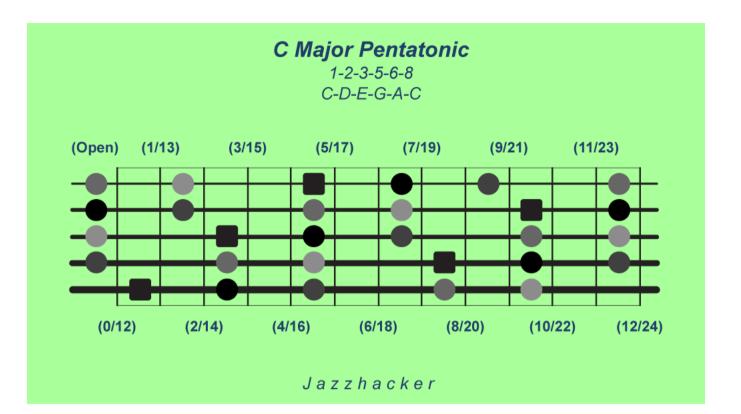
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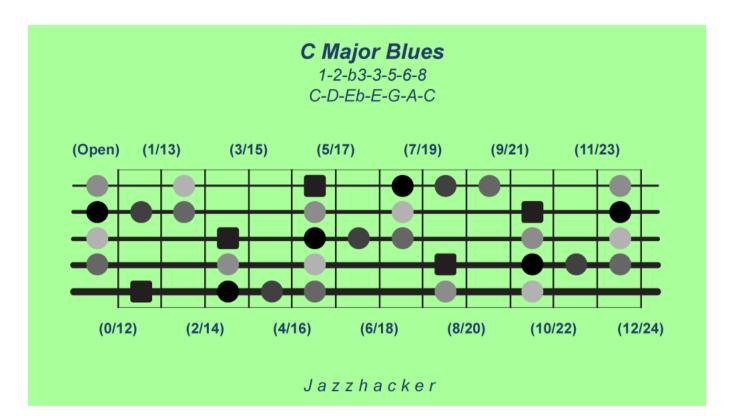
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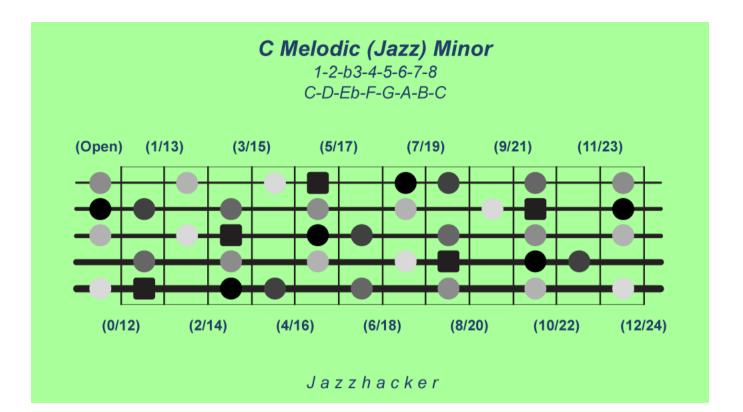
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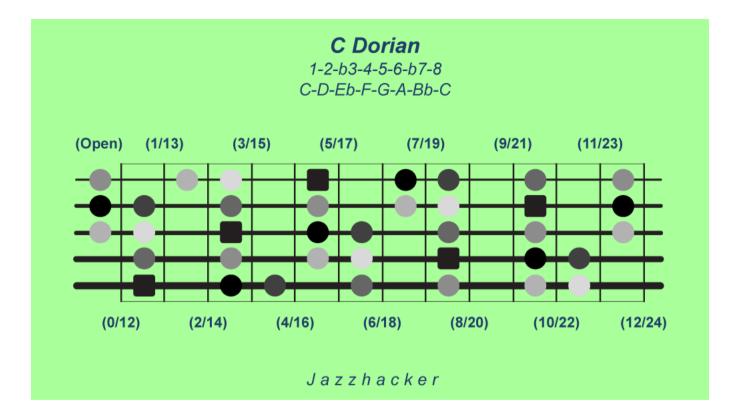


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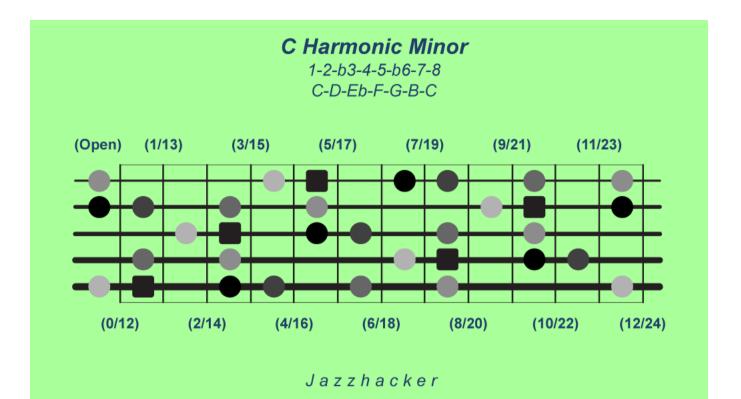


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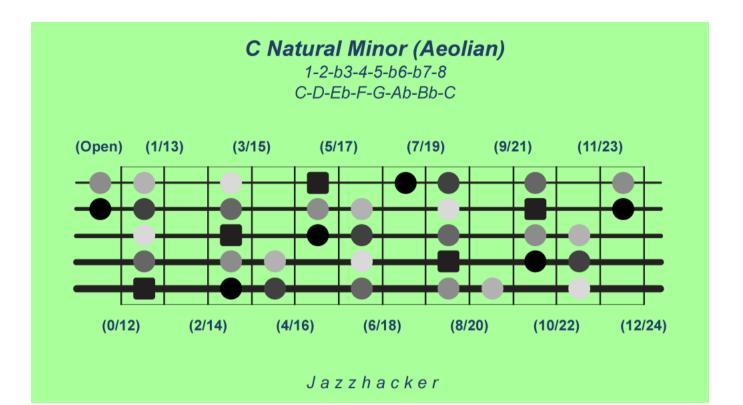
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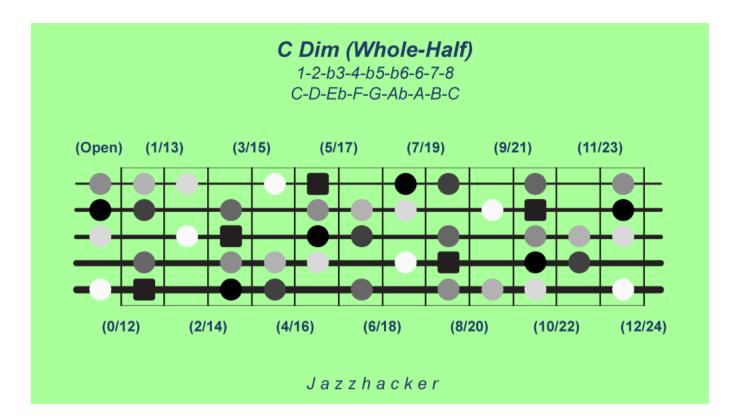
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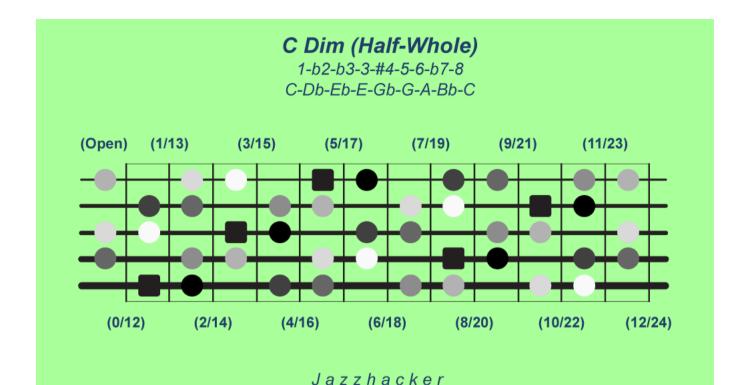
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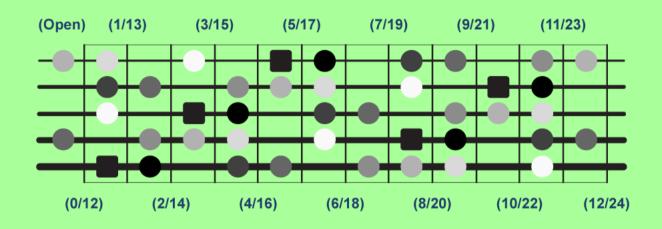
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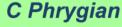
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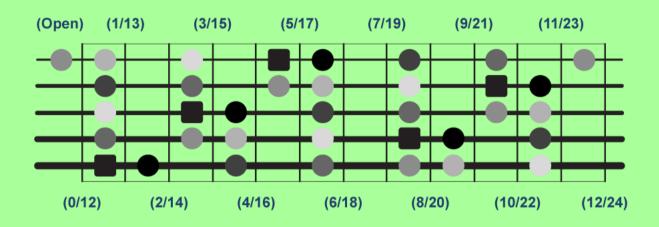
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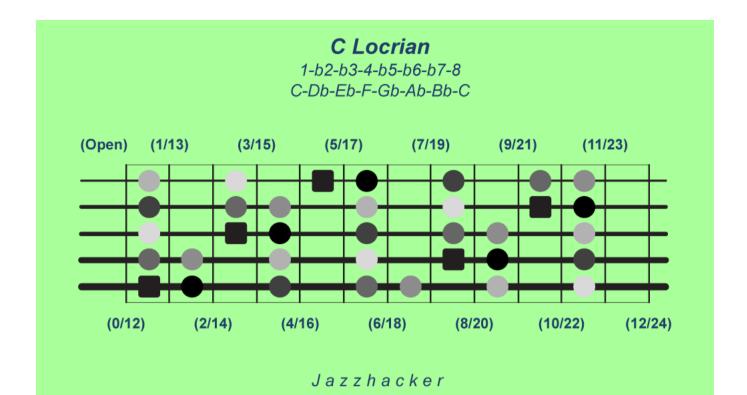
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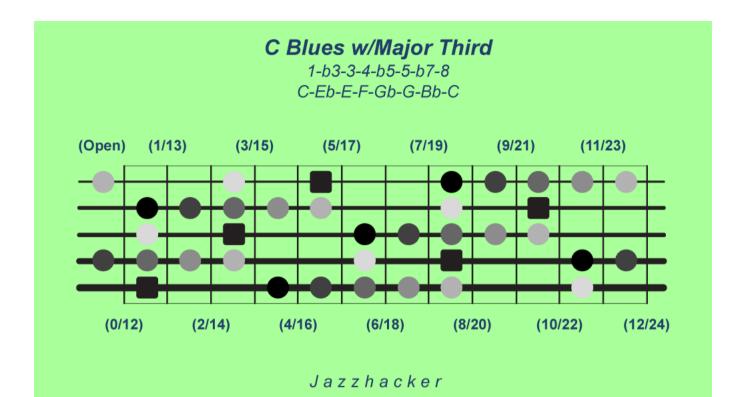
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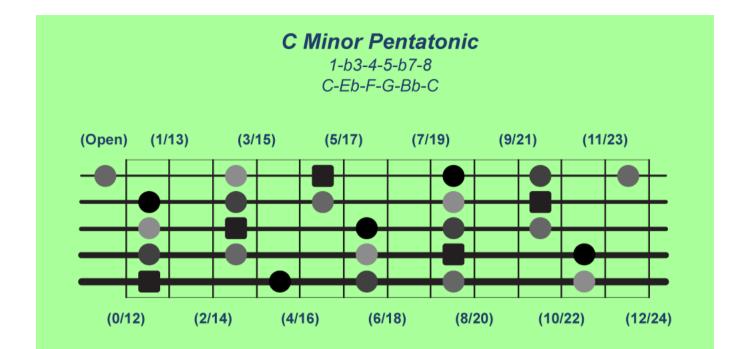
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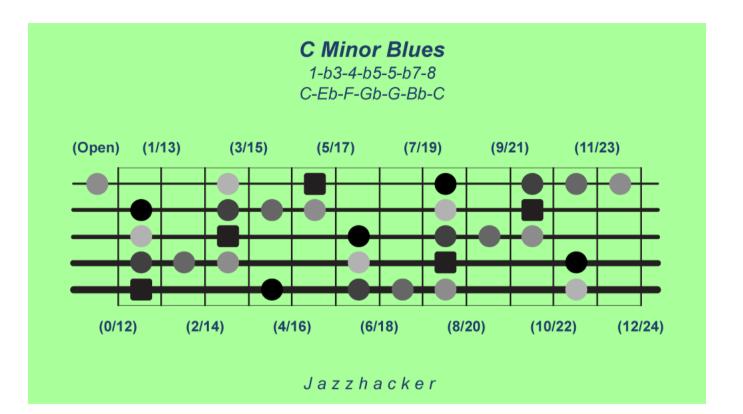
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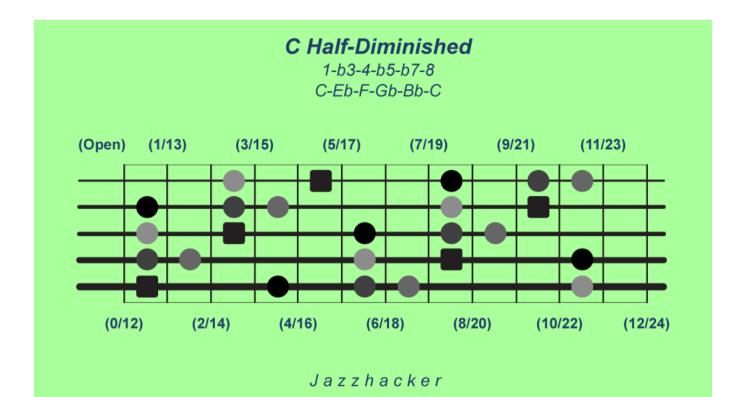
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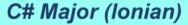
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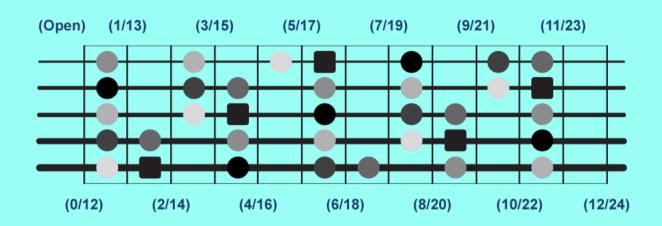
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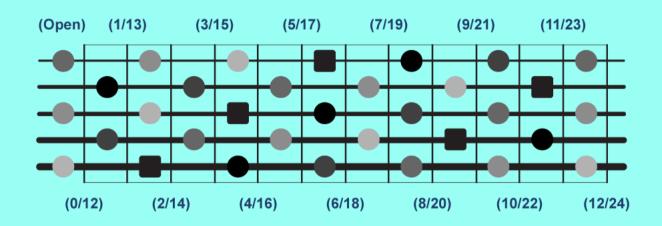


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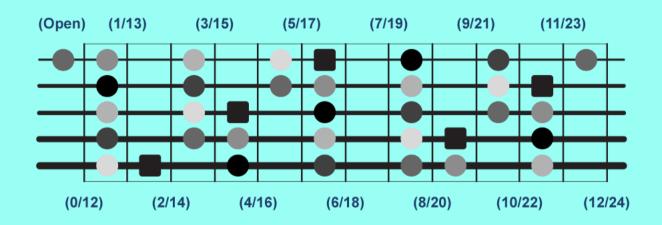


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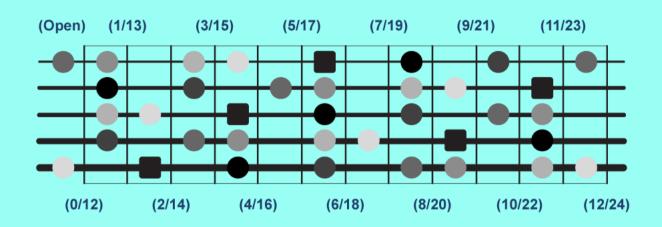
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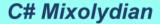


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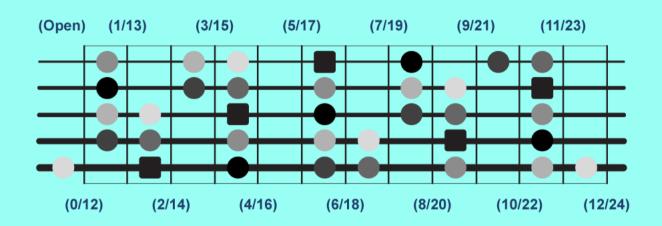


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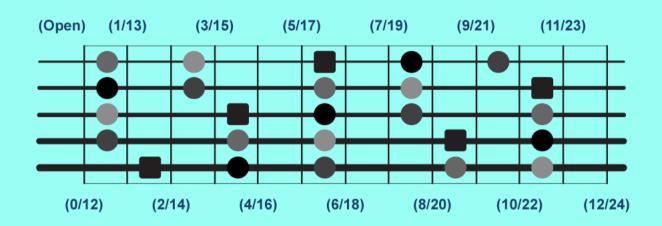


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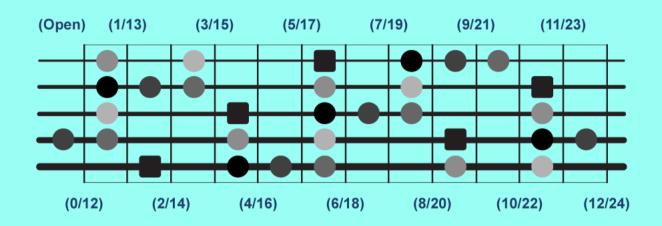
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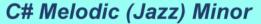


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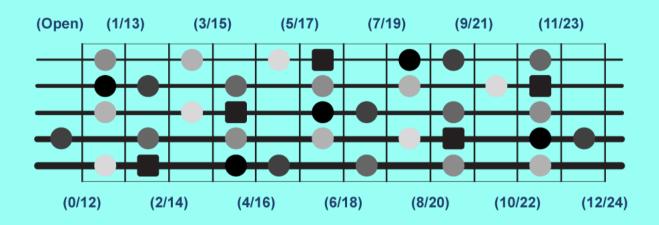


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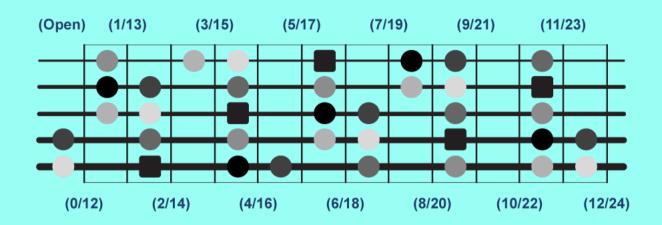
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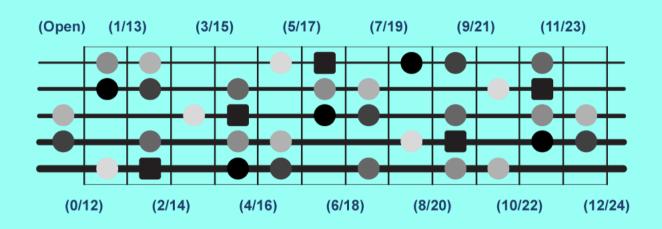
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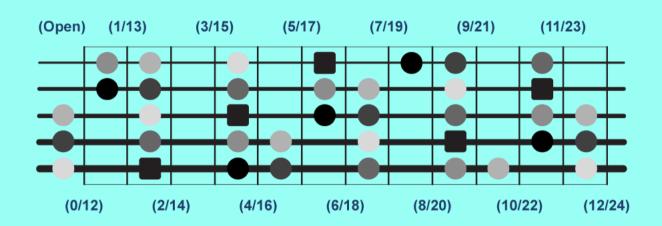
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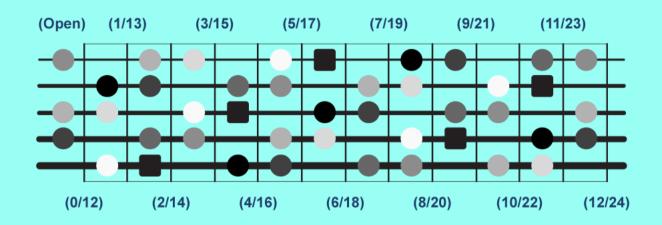


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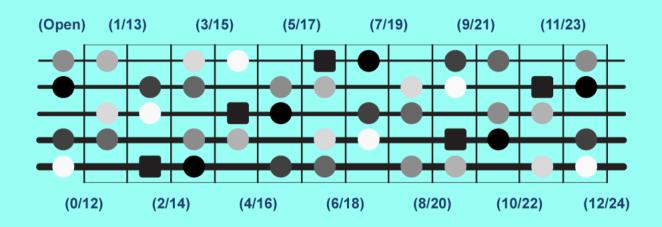
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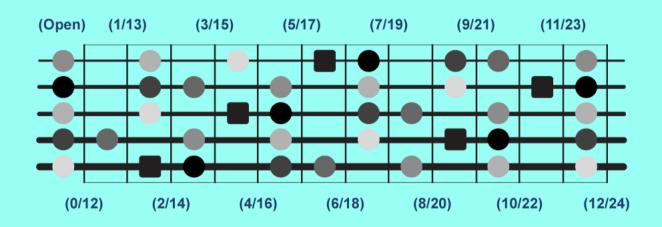


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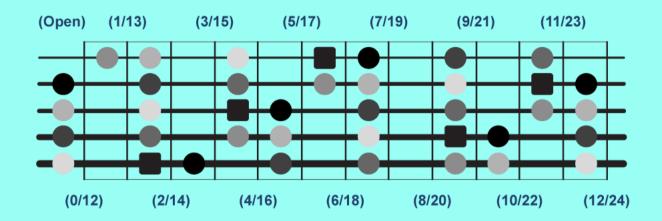


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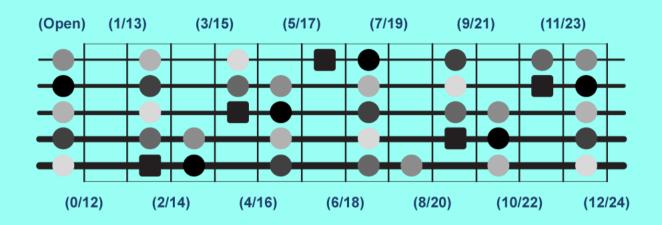
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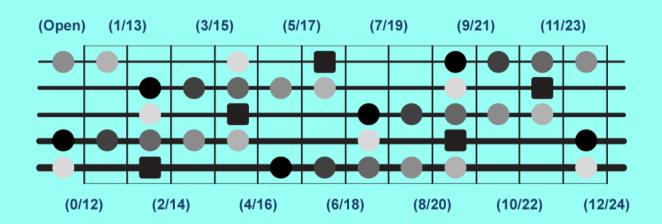
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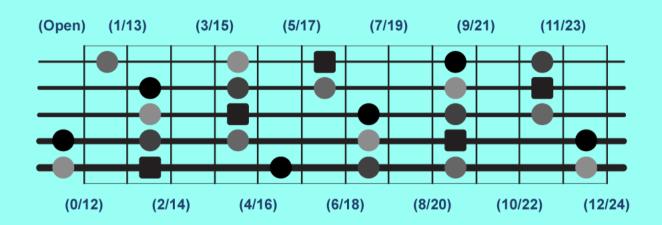


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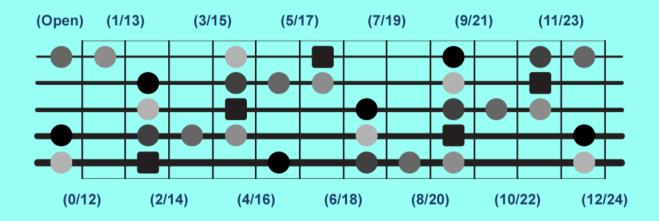


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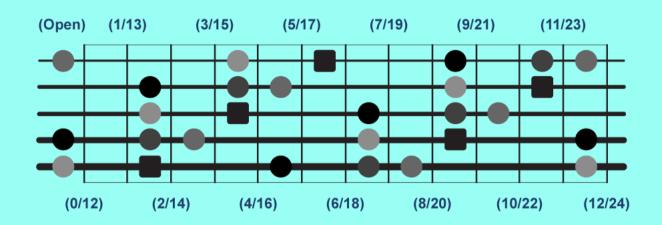
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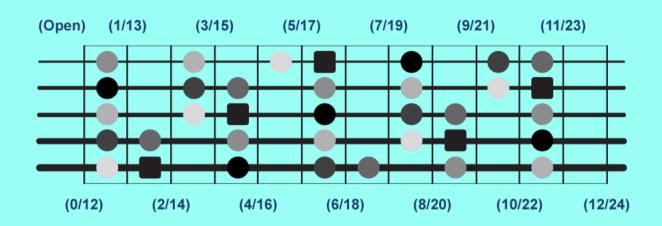


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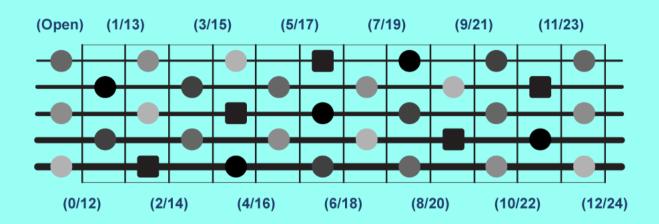


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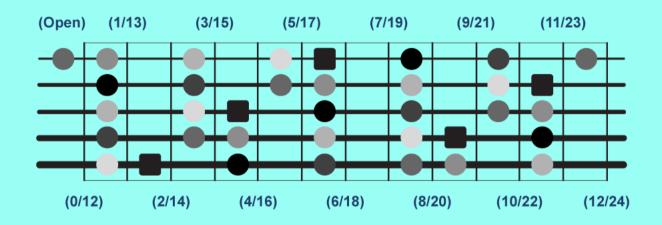
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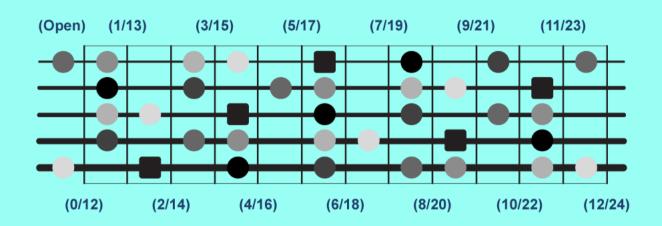
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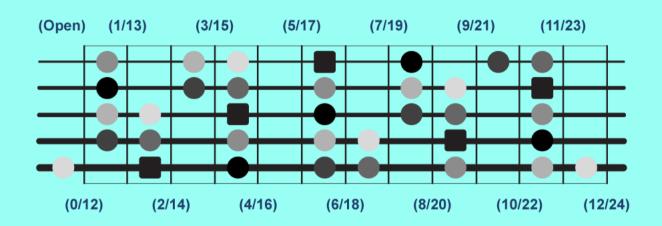


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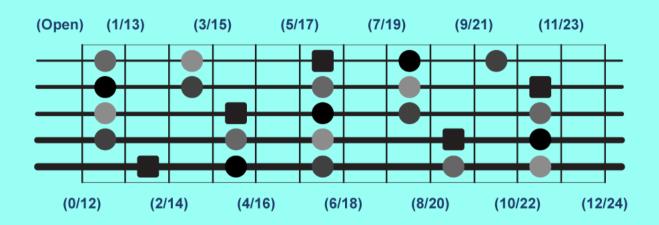
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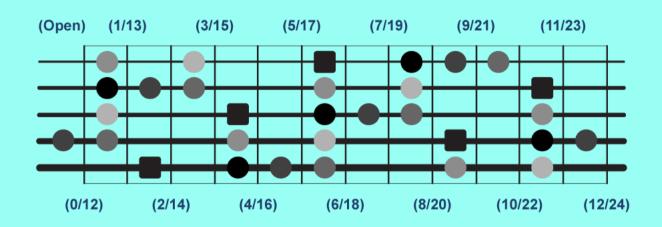


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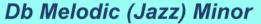


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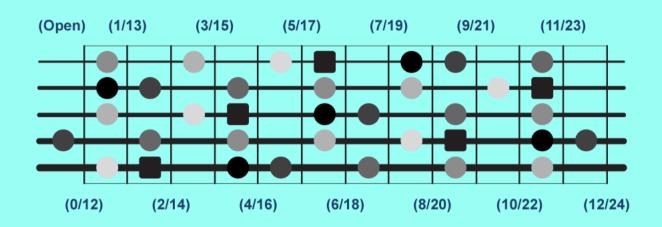


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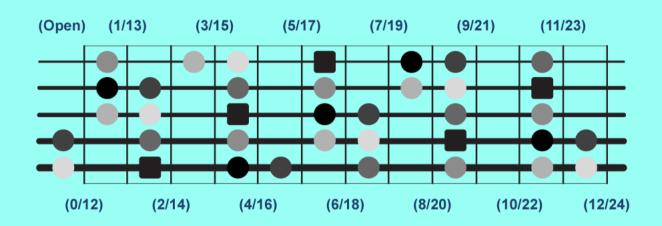


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Db Dorian

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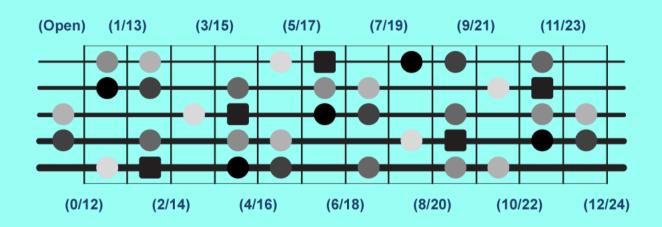
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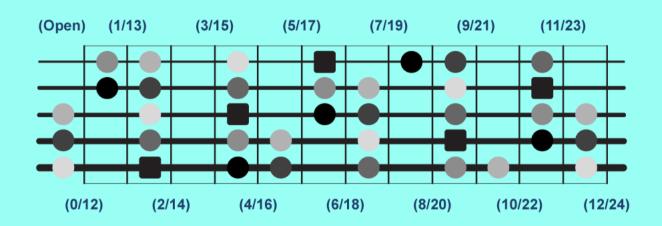


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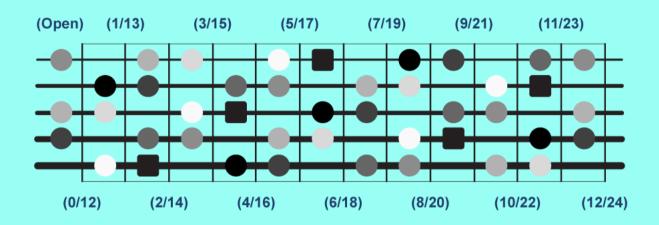


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Db Dim (Whole-Half)

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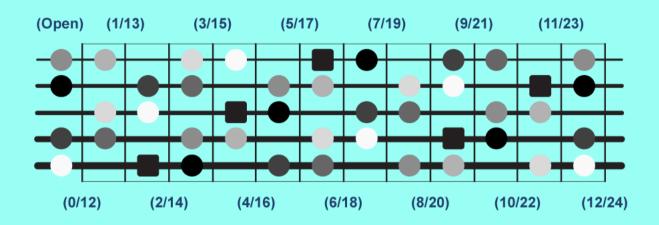


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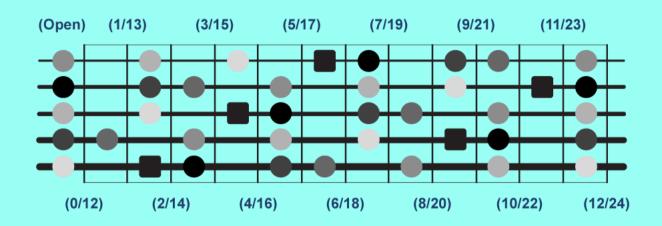


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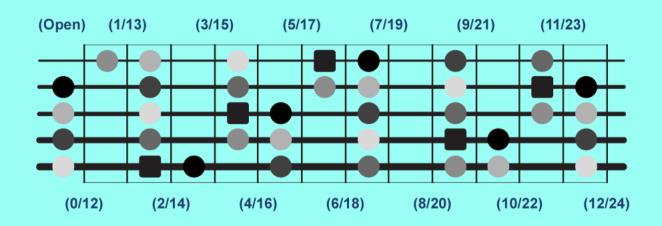


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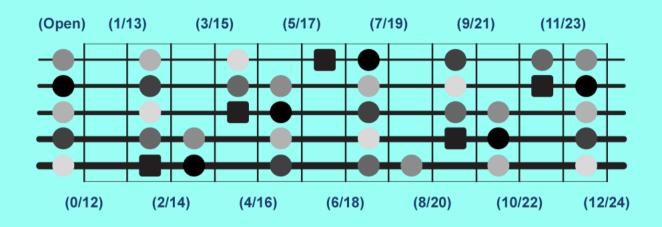
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Db Locrian

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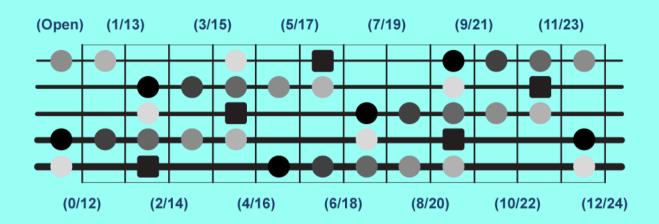


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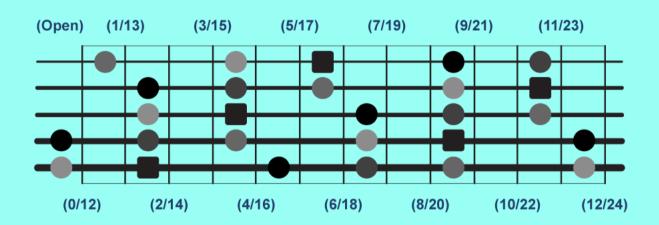


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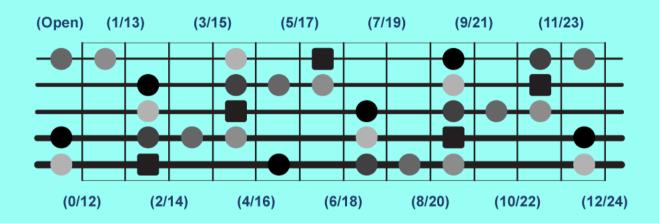


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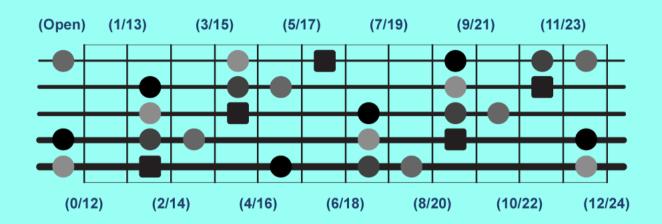


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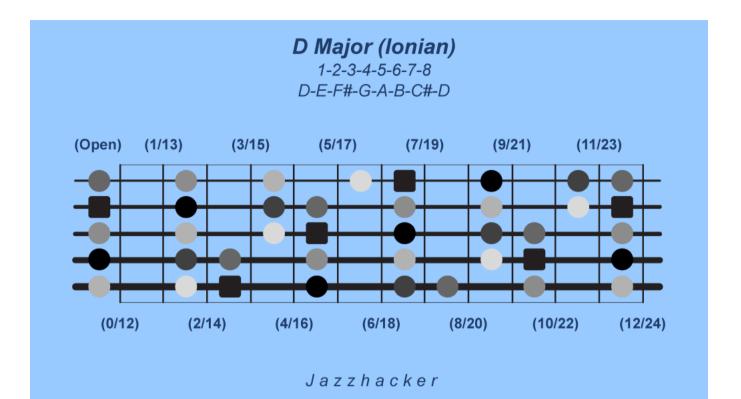


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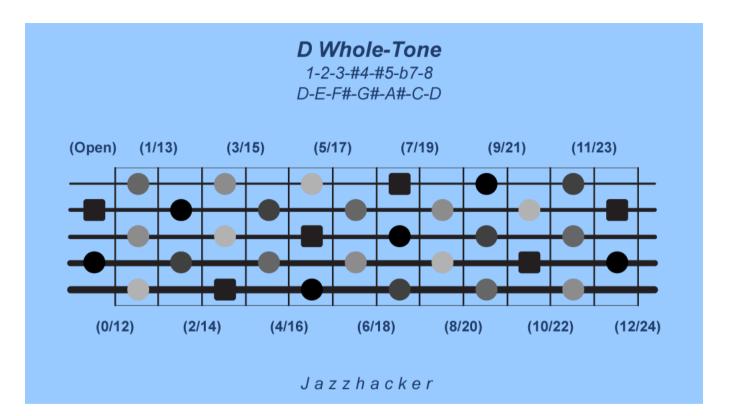


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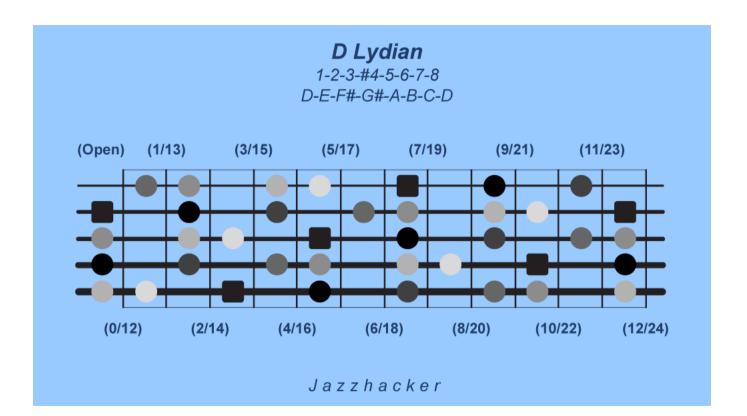
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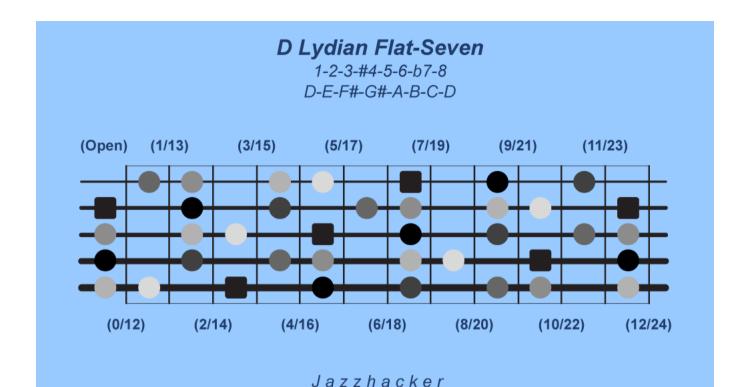
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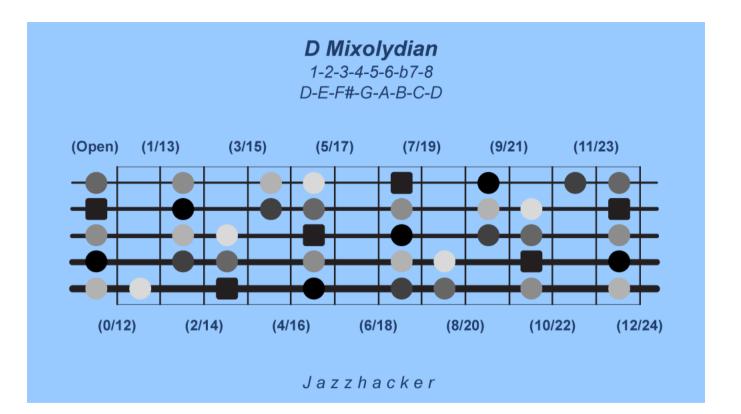
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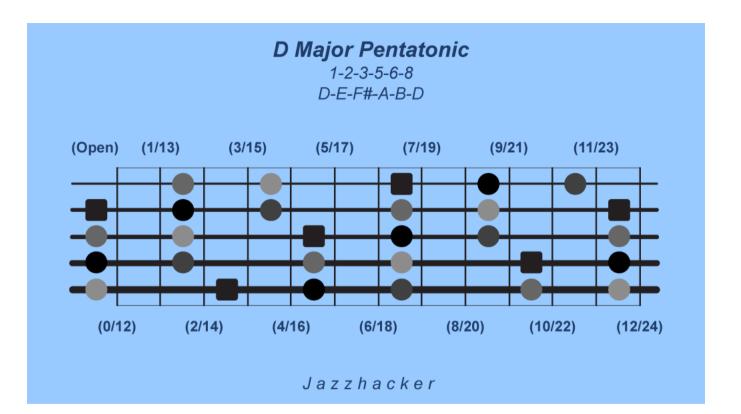
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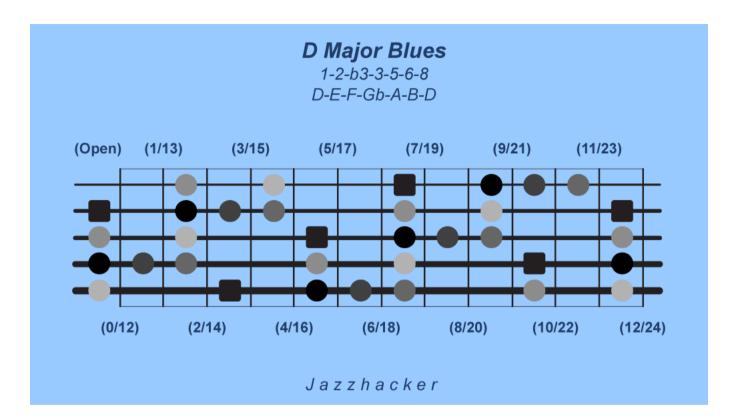
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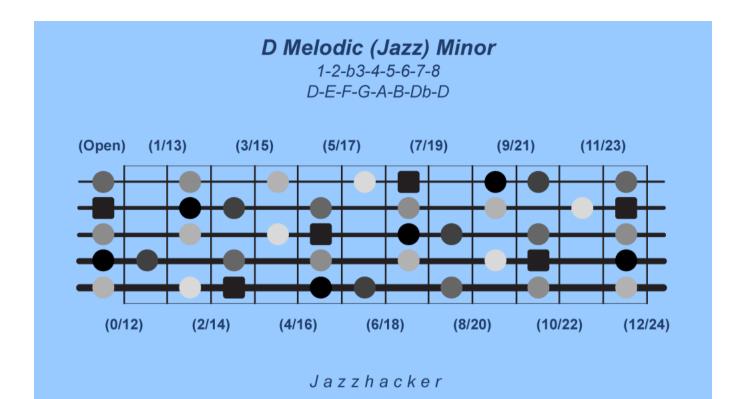
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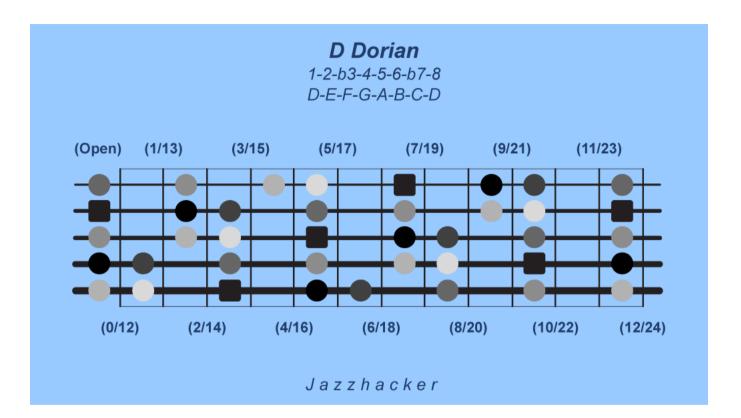
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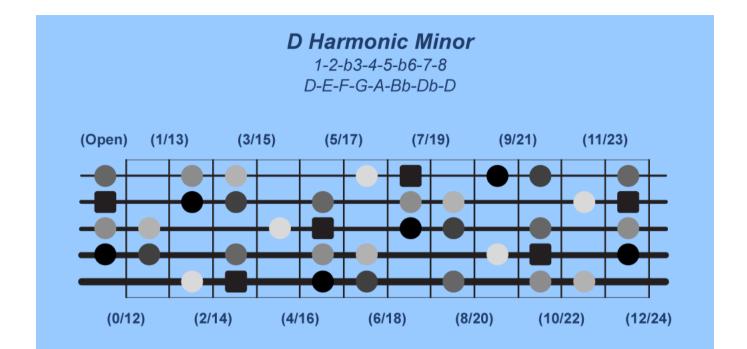
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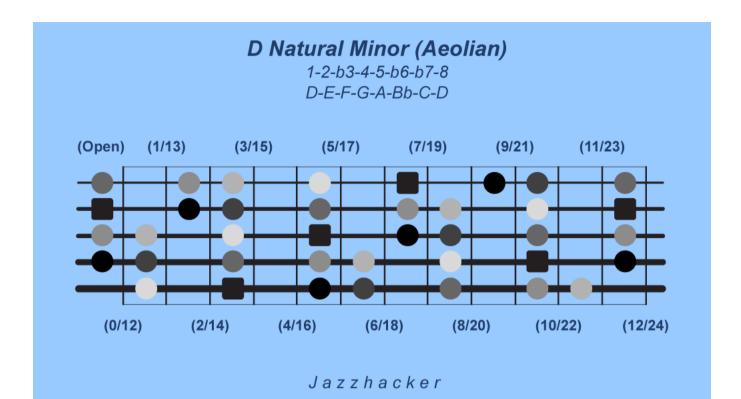


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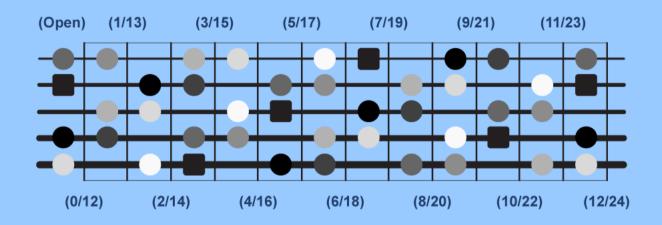
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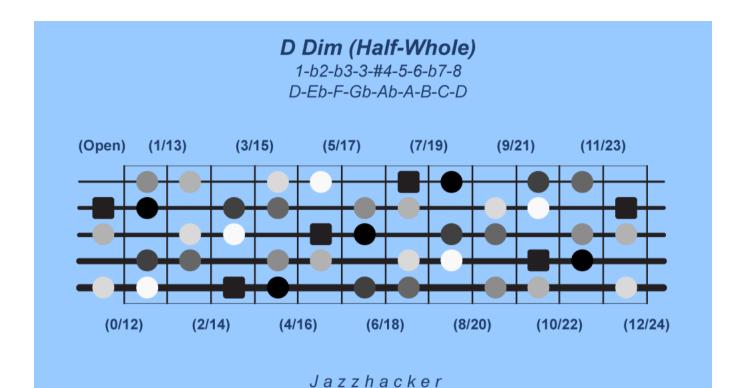
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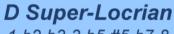
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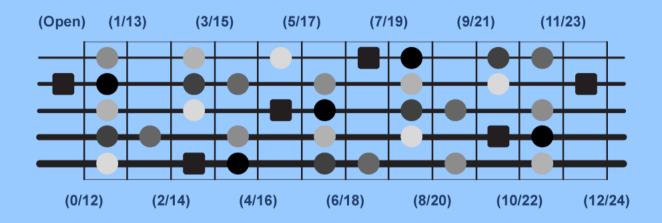
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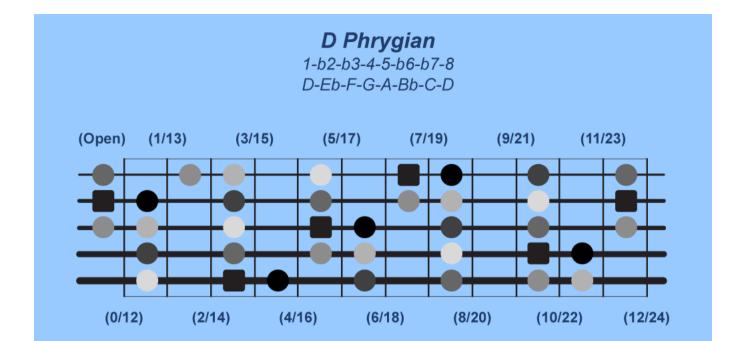
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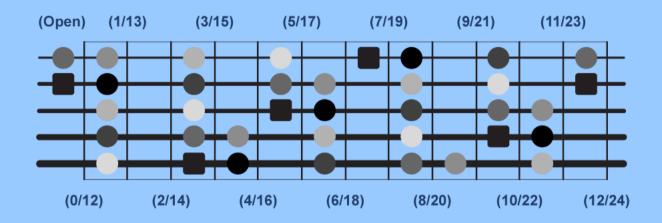


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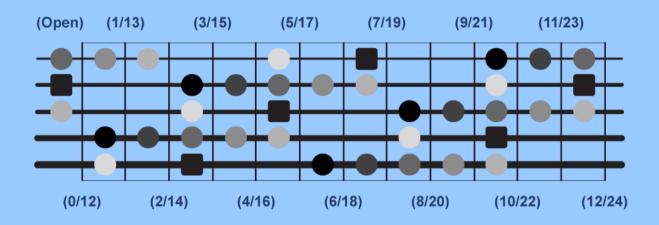
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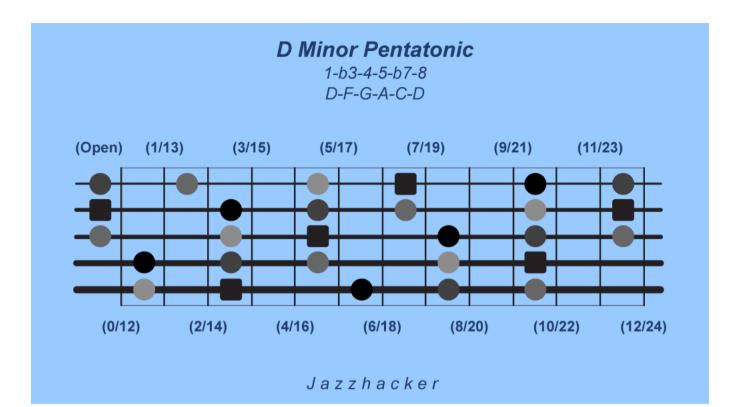
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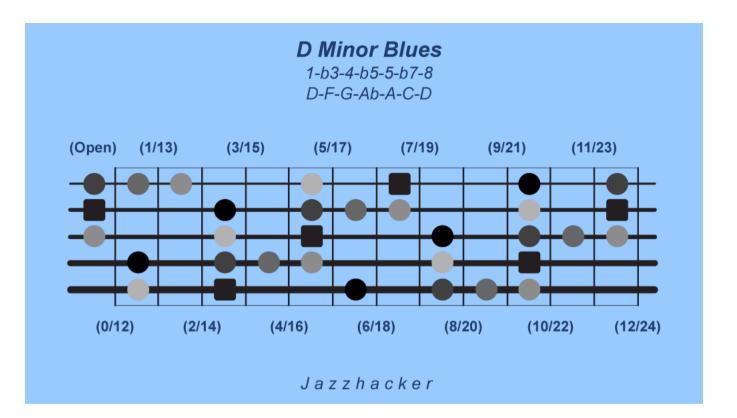
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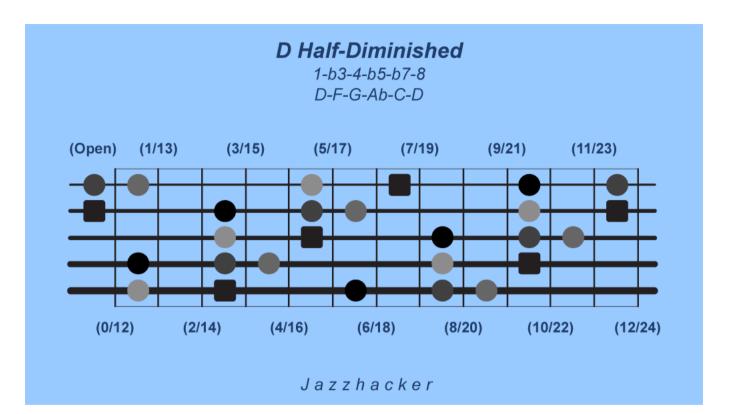
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