

Other Ways to Represent the C Scale

1. Guitar Tablature

Notes of C Scale*

(* D, G, & B are on open strings)

Guitar tablature is a picture of the 6 strings of the guitar (Low E on the bottom and high E on top). Numbers placed on a given string represents which fret to press to produce the note. In this example, to play a "C" note, press fret "3" of the A string (also called the 5th String). Many guitar tabs also include the related note on the right hand piano staff (Treble staff, as shown above). Some also show the note names (or circles on the frets) laid out in a guitar chord diagram layout (above, right), similar to guitar tab, but rotated 90° clockwise (low E string is on the Left).

2. Mandolin or Violin Tablature

Mandolin tablature (similar to guitar Tab) shows a picture of the 4 strings of the mandolin (Low G string on the bottom, and E on top) with numbers on frets that, when pressed, will produce specific notes. (The example above shows 2 octaves of the C scale in mandolin/ violin tablature.) Many tab charts also include the related note on the right hand piano staff (Treble staff, as shown above).

~~ BONUS: Guitar & Mandolin/ Violin Switcheroo Trick ~~

Guitar players can quickly transfer their guitar knowledge to mandolin and violin by flipping guitar chords or scales upside down and backwards on the mandolin or violin.