A little challenge · 7 notes

How to play Ciranda, Cirandinha (Little Circle Dance) on the ocarina

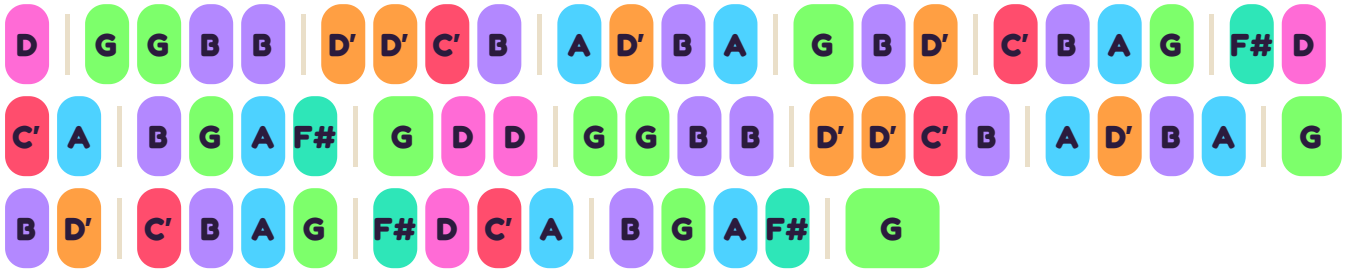


A free song from the Brazilian children's & folk songs song pack.

Ciranda, Cirandinha (Little Circle Dance) ocarina notes with color coding & letters, sheet music, fingering diagrams, and interactive audio practice.

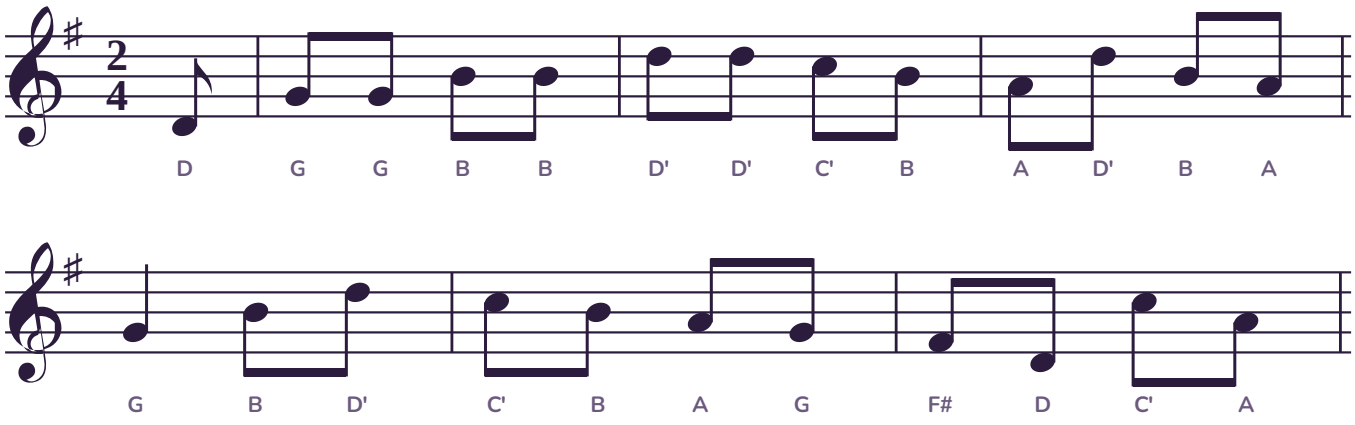
It uses 7 notes: **D**, **F#**, **G**, **A**, **B**, **C'**, **D'**.

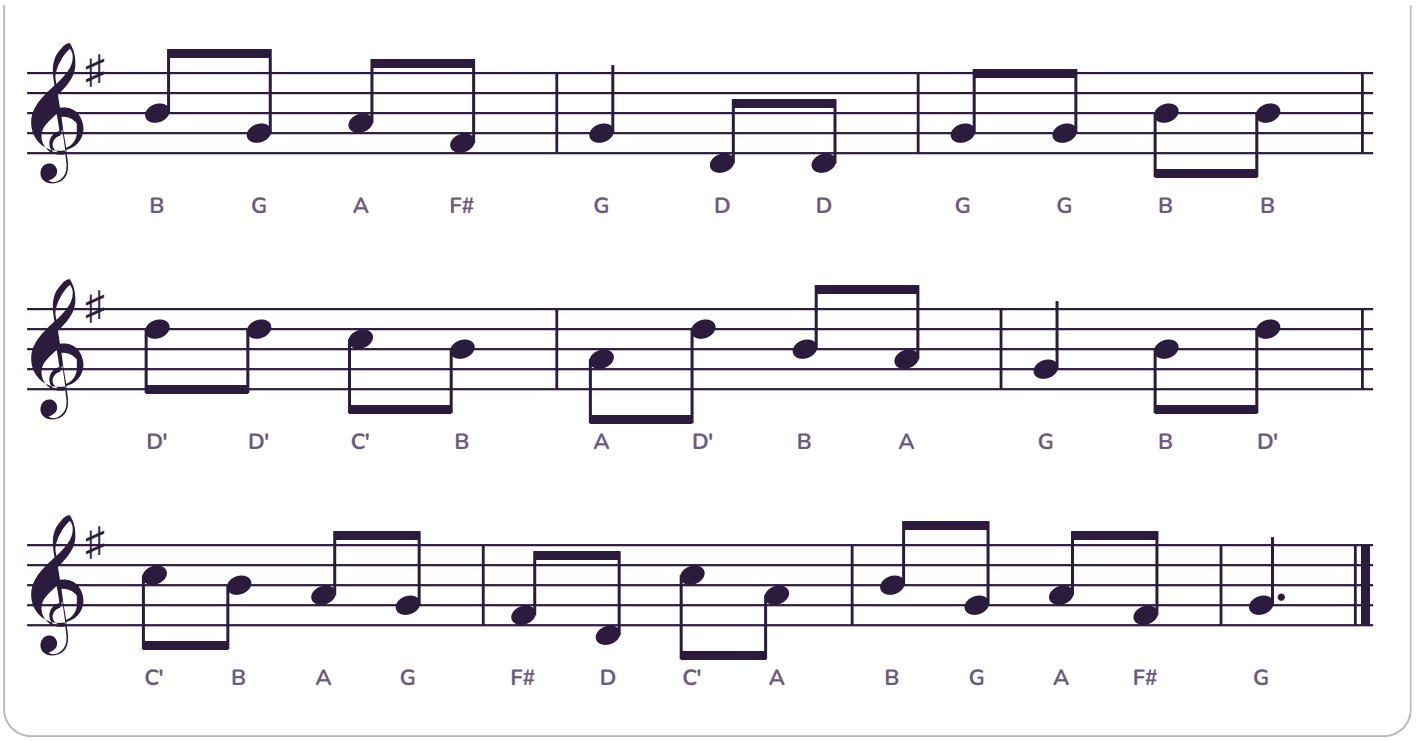
The notes & rhythm



Longer blocks are longer notes; a vertical line marks each bar.

Sheet music





Standard treble clef notation with letter guides below each note.

The notes as letters

D G G B B D′ D′ C′ B A D′ B A G B D′ C′ B A G
F# D C′ A B G A F# G D D G G B B D′ D′ C′ B A
D′ B A G B D′ C′ B A G F# D C′ A B G A F# G

Ocarina fingerings

D · low D



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

F# · F#



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

G · G



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

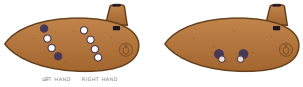
A · A



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

B · B



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

C' · high C



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

D' · high D



Front · finger holes

Back · thumb holes and extra sub-holes (open)

Playing tips for Ciranda, Cirandinha (Little Circle Dance)

- Start each note cleanly with a gentle tongue stroke (whisper "too" or "doo").
- Seal every hole completely with the soft pads of your fingers, not your fingertips.
- The ocarina's pitch follows your breath: blowing softer lowers the pitch, blowing harder raises it.
- The low notes need the gentlest breath of all. If a low note warbles or squeaks, soften your breath and check that your lower fingers fully seal their holes.
- F# uses a cross-fingering: check that the holes around the open one stay firmly sealed.