A little challenge · 9 notes

How to play Escravos de Jó on the ocarina



From the Brazilian children's & folk songs song pack.

Escravos de Jó ocarina notes with color coding & letters, sheet music, fingering diagrams, and interactive audio practice.

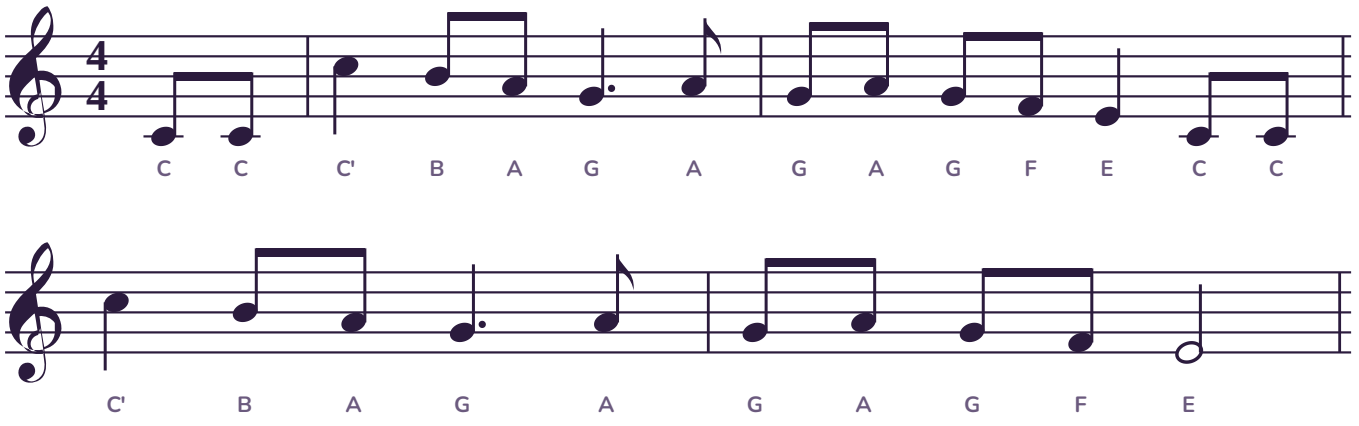
It uses 9 notes: **C**, **E**, **F**, **G**, **A**, **B**, **C'**, **D'**, **E'**.
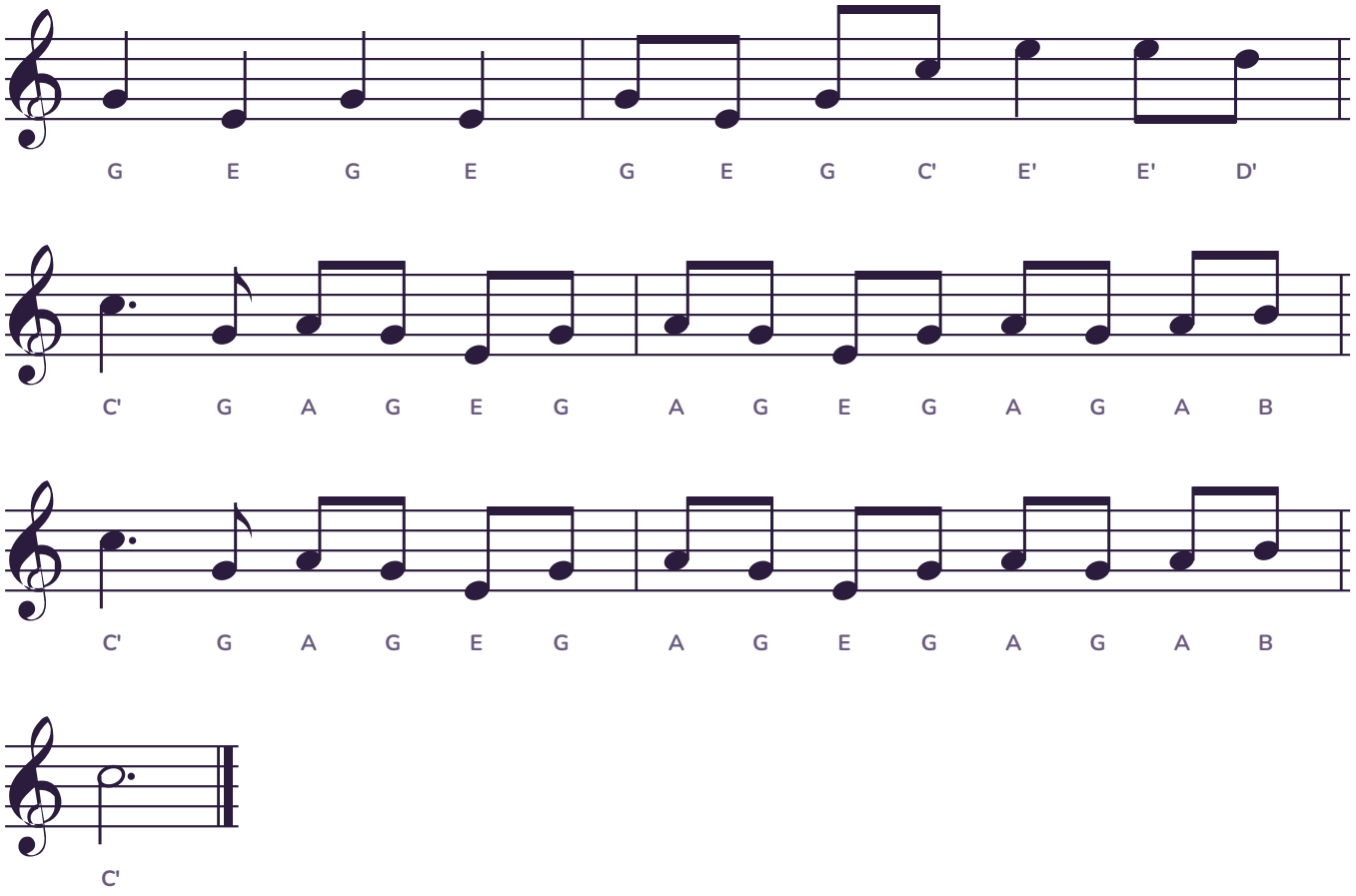
The notes & rhythm

C C | C' B A G A | G A G F E C C | C' B A G A | G A
G F E | G E G E | G E G C' E' E' D' | C' G A G E G
A G E G A G A B | C' G A G E G | A G E G A G A B
C'

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

C C C′ B A G A G A G F E C C C′ B A G A G A
G F E G E G E G E G C′ E′ E′ D′ C′ G A G E G
A G E G A G A B C′ G A G E G A G E G A G A B
C′

Ocarina fingerings

C · low C



Front · finger holes

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

E · low E



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)

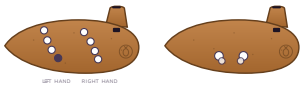
D' · high D



Front · finger holes

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

E' · high E



Front · finger holes

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

Playing tips for Escravos de Jó

- 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.
- The highest notes need firm, focused breath. Raise your breath slightly and keep the ocarina level so the airstream splits cleanly.