A little challenge · 9 notes

How to play Funiculì, funiculà on the ocarina

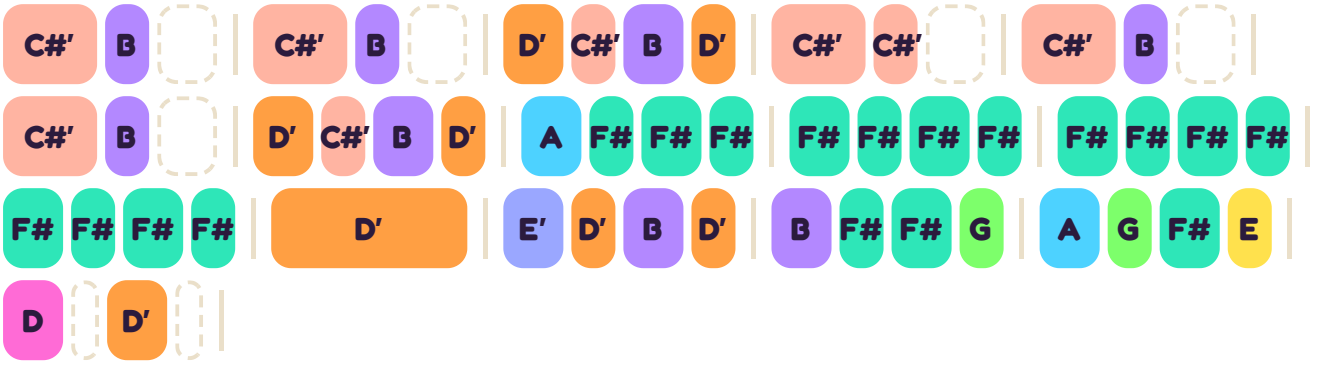


From the Italian children's & folk songs song pack.

Funiculì, funiculà ocarina notes with color coding & letters, sheet music, fingering diagrams, and interactive audio practice.

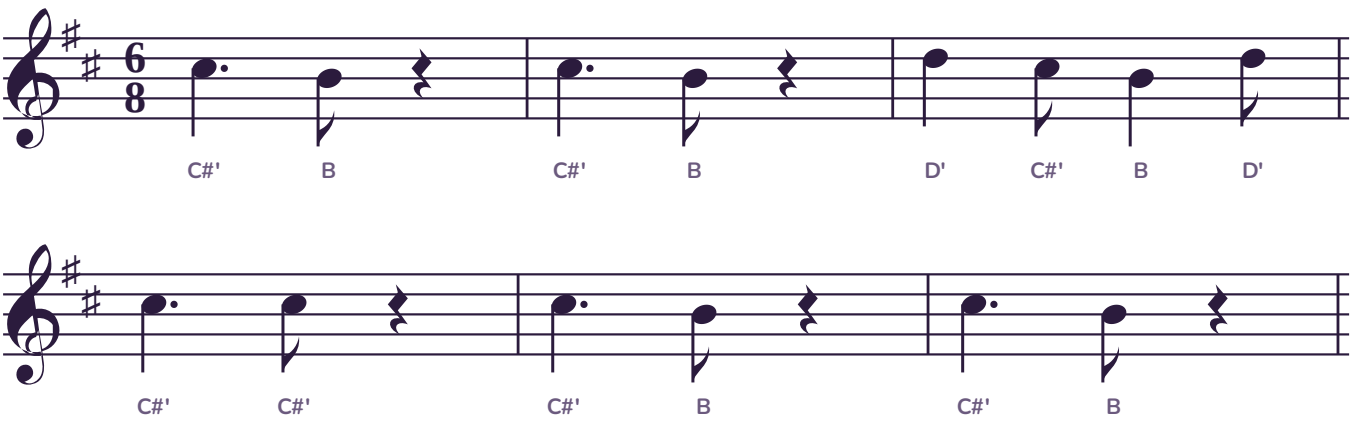
It uses 9 notes: **D**, **E**, **F#**, **G**, **A**, **B**, **C#'**, **D'**, **E'**.

The notes & rhythm



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

Sheet music





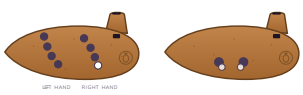
Standard treble clef notation with letter guides below each note.

The notes as letters

C#′ B C#′ B D′ C#′ B D′ C#′ C#′ C#′ B C#′ B D′
C#′ B D′ A F# F# F# F# F# F# F# F# F# F# F# F#
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Ocarina fingerings

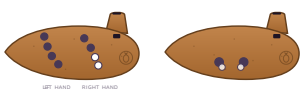
D · low D



Front · finger holes

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

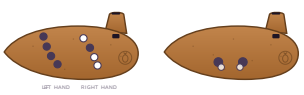
E · low E



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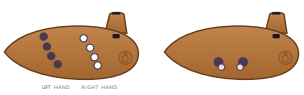
F# · F#



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)

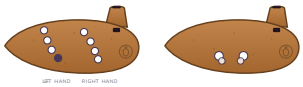
D' · high D



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 Funiculì, funiculà

- 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.
- F# uses a cross-fingering: check that the holes around the open one stay firmly sealed.
- High C# is played with the left thumb open (or half-covered on 12-hole ocarinas). Balance the ocarina gently on your right thumb and pinky.