A little challenge · 10 notes

How to play Santa Lucia on the ocarina

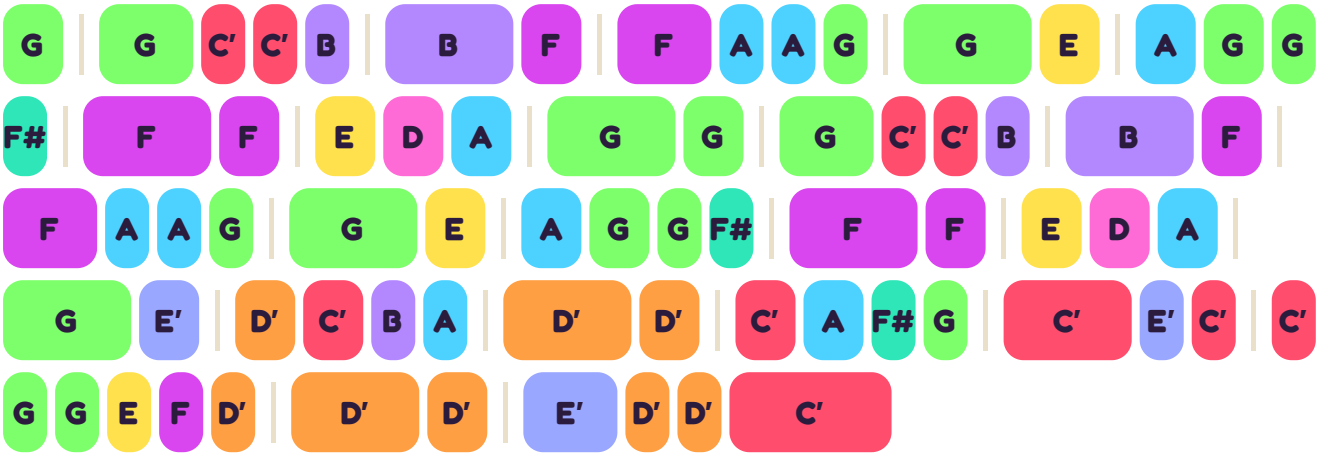


From the Italian children's & folk songs song pack.

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

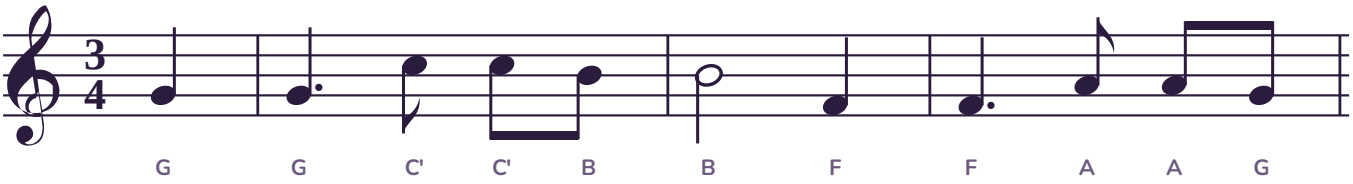
It uses 10 notes: **D**, **E**, **F**, **F#**, **G**, **A**, **B**, **C'**, **D'**, **E'**.
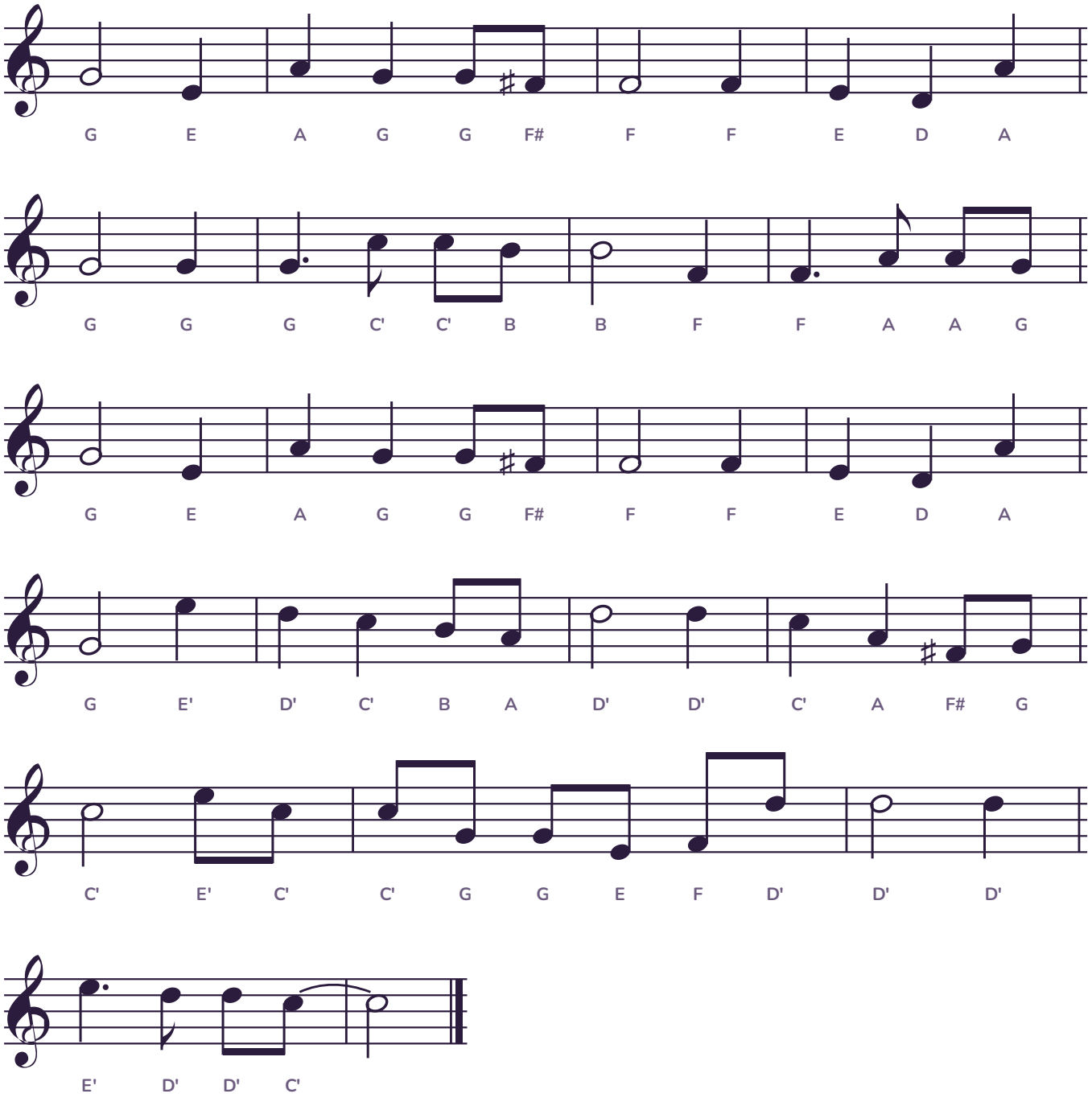
The notes & rhythm



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

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

Ocarina fingerings

D · low D



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)

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 Santa Lucia

- 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.