A little challenge · 8 notes

How to play Momiji (Autumn Leaves) on the ocarina

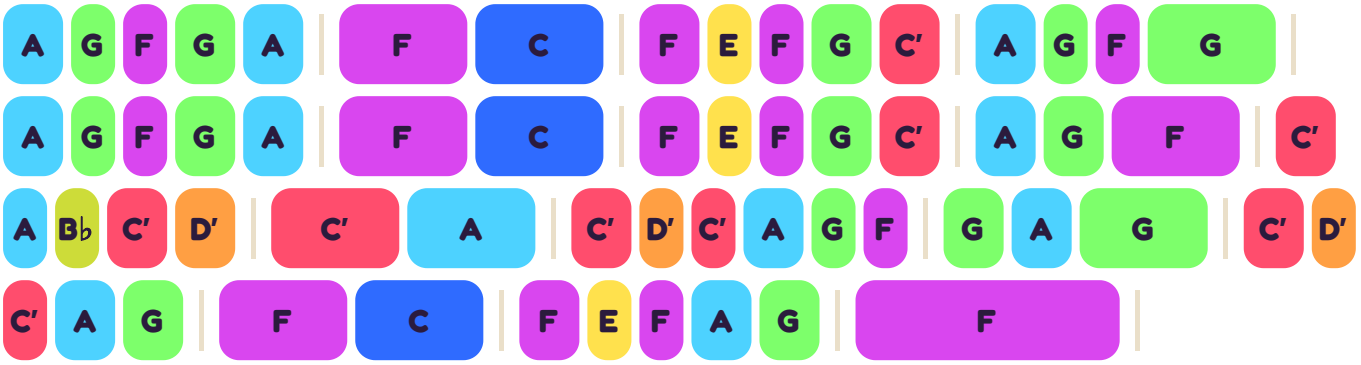


From the Japanese children's & folk songs song pack.

Momiji (Autumn Leaves) ocarina notes with color coding & letters, sheet music, fingering diagrams, and interactive audio practice.

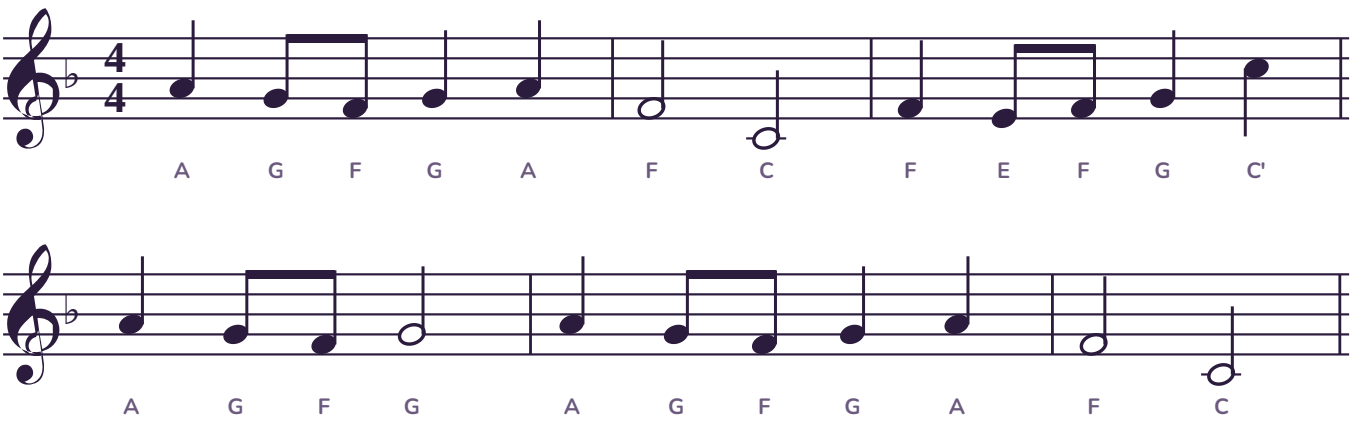
It uses 8 notes: **C**, **E**, **F**, **G**, **A**, **B♭**, **C'**, **D'**.
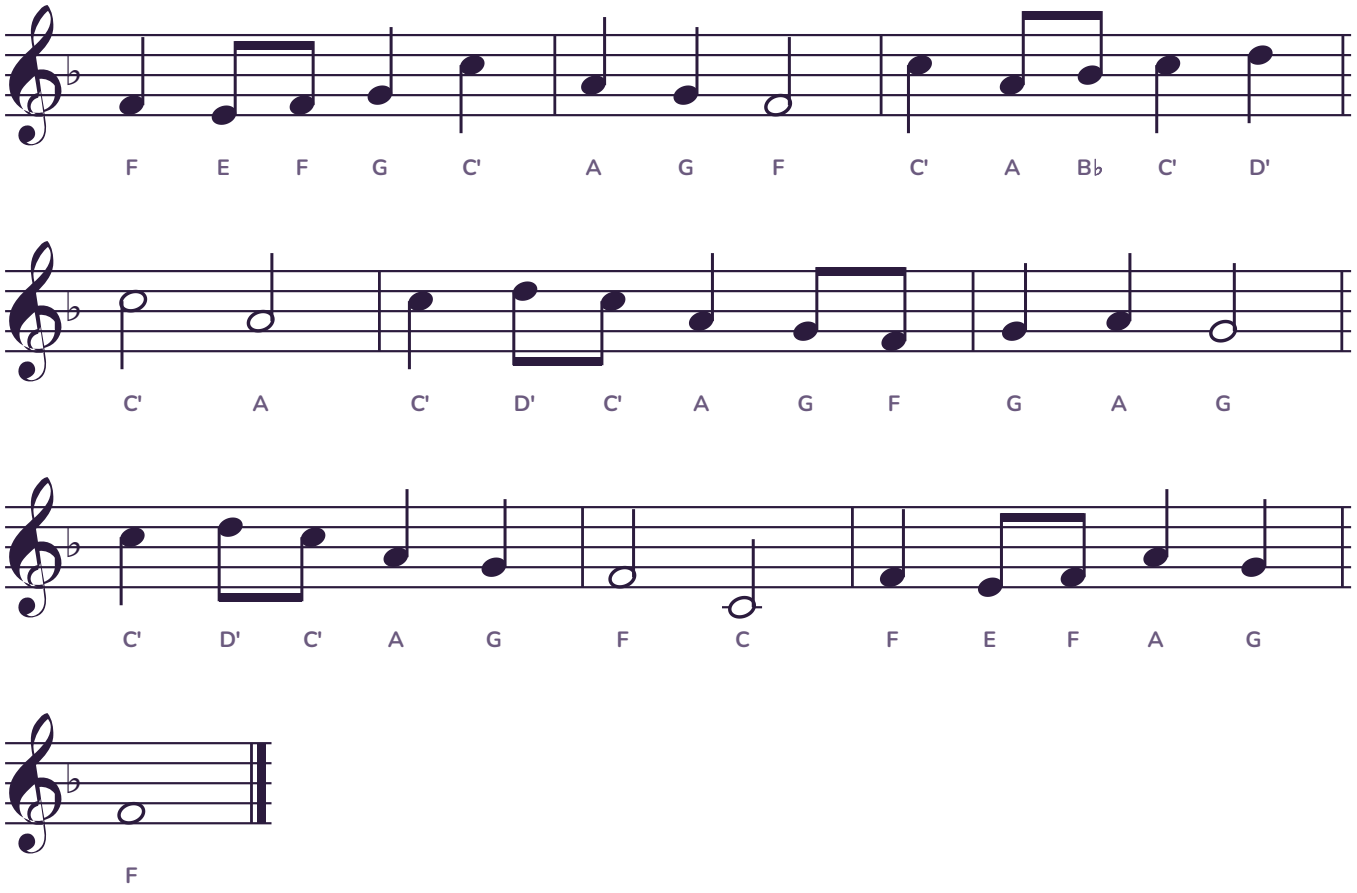
The notes & rhythm



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

Sheet music





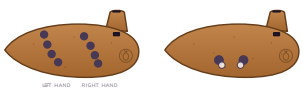
Standard treble clef notation with letter guides below each note.

The notes as letters

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

Ocarina fingerings

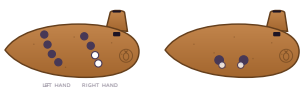
C · low C



Front · finger holes

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

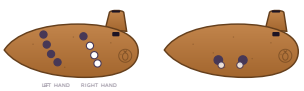
E · low E



Front · finger holes

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

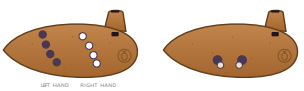
F · F



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)

Playing tips for Momiji (Autumn Leaves)

- 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.
- B♭ uses a cross-fingering pattern. Keep the open hole free and blow with a steady, relaxed breath.