A little challenge · 7 notes

How to play Sakura Sakura (Cherry Blossoms) on the ocarina

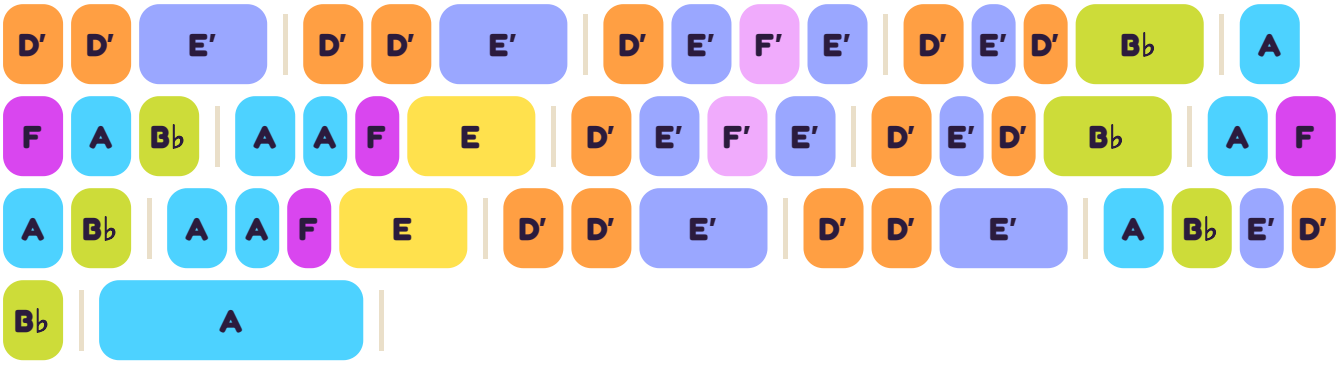


From the Japanese children's & folk songs song pack.

Sakura Sakura (Cherry Blossoms) ocarina notes with color coding & letters, sheet music, fingering diagrams, and interactive audio practice.
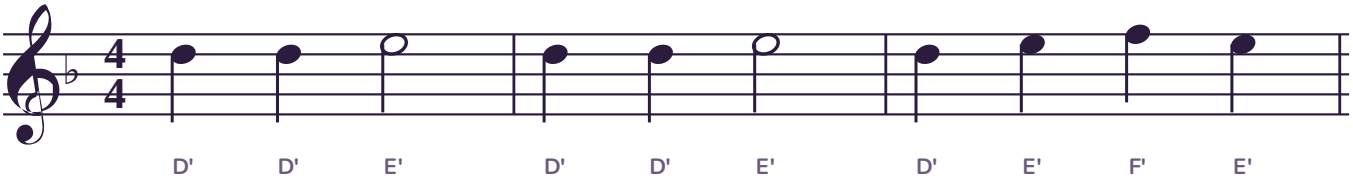
It uses 7 notes: **E**, **F**, **A**, **B♭**, **D'**, **E'**, **F'**.
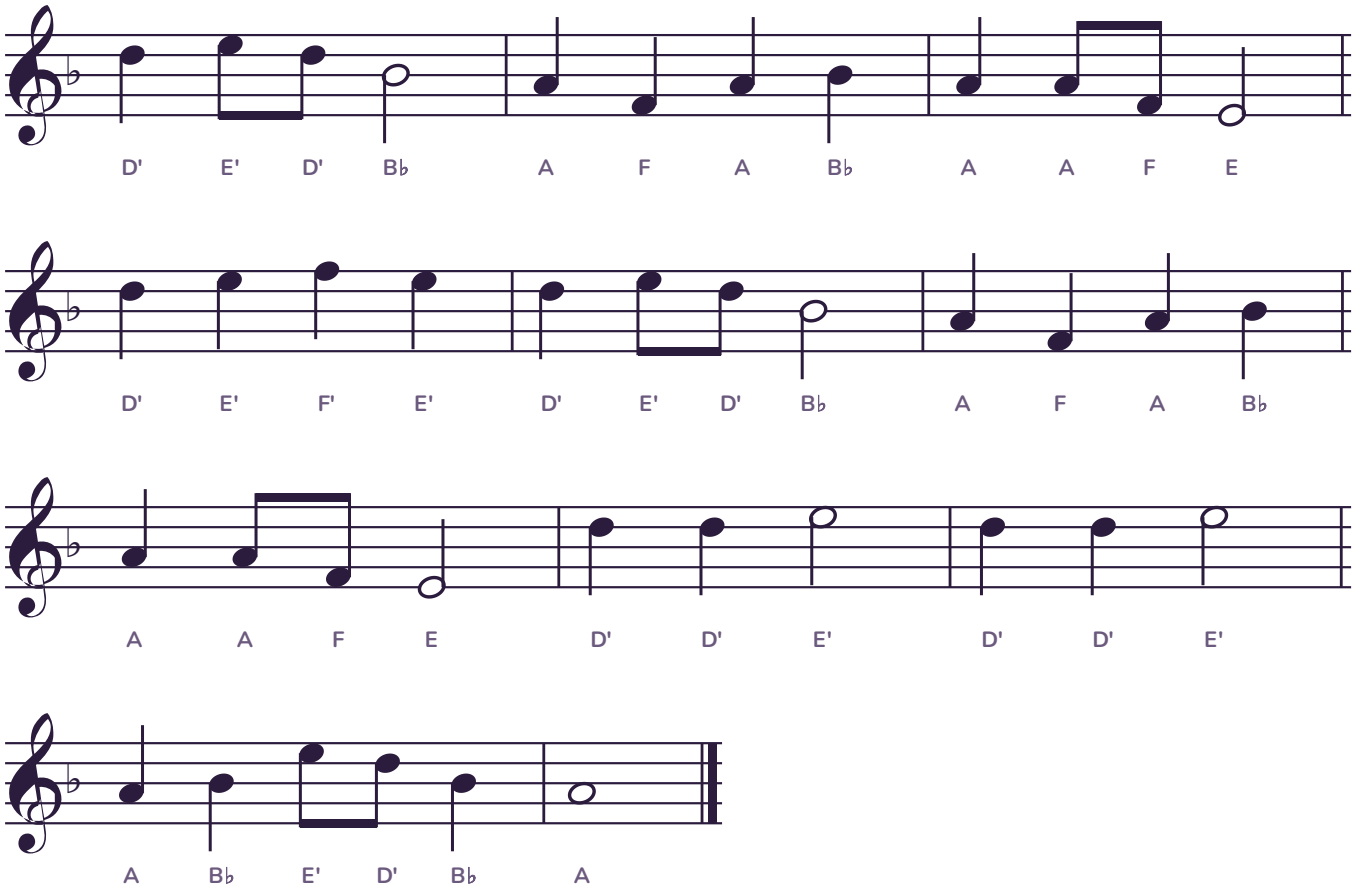
The notes & rhythm



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

Sheet music





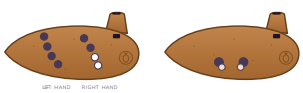
Standard treble clef notation with letter guides below each note.

The notes as letters

D′ D′ E′ D′ D′ E′ D′ E′ F′ E′ D′ E′ D′ B♭ A F A
B♭ A A F E D′ E′ F′ E′ D′ E′ D′ B♭ A F A B♭ A
A F E D′ D′ E′ D′ D′ E′ A B♭ E′ D′ B♭ A

Ocarina fingerings

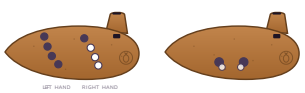
E · low E



Front · finger holes

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

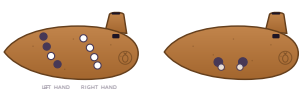
F · F



Front · finger holes

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

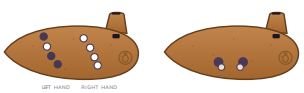
A · A



Front · finger holes

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

B♭ · B♭



Front · finger holes

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

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)

F' · high F



Front · finger holes

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

Playing tips for Sakura Sakura (Cherry Blossoms)

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