A little challenge · 10 notes

How to play Dandansoy on the ocarina

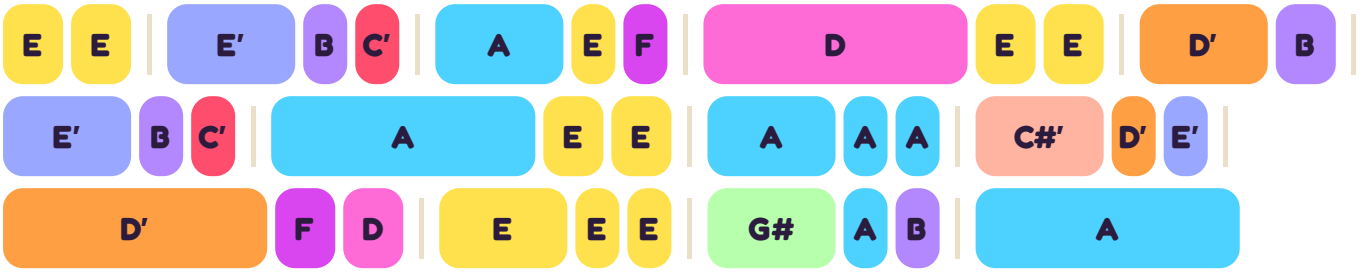


From the Philippine children's & folk songs song pack.

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

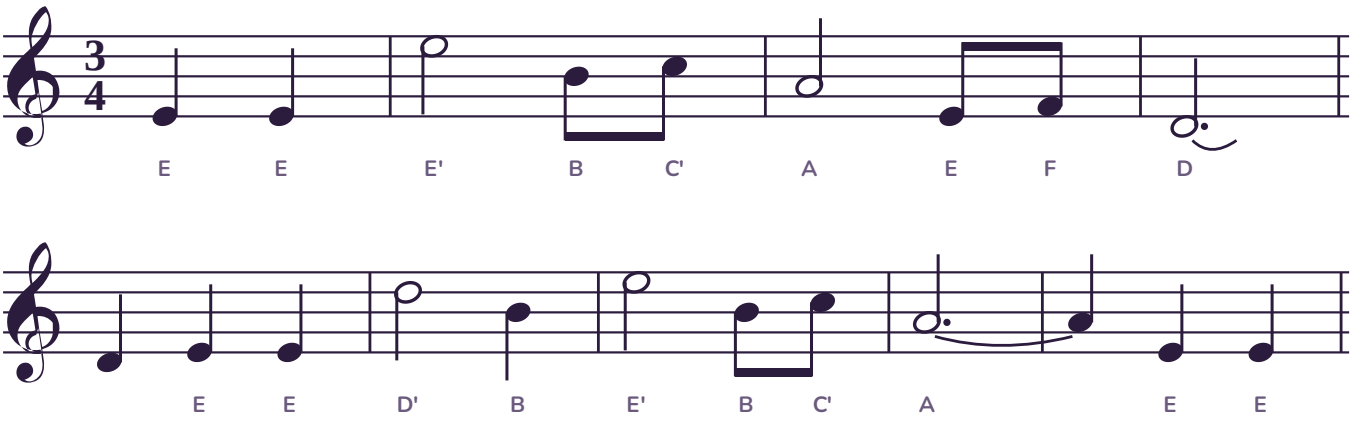
It uses 10 notes: **D**, **E**, **F**, **G#**, **A**, **B**, **C'**, **C#'**, **D'**, **E'**.

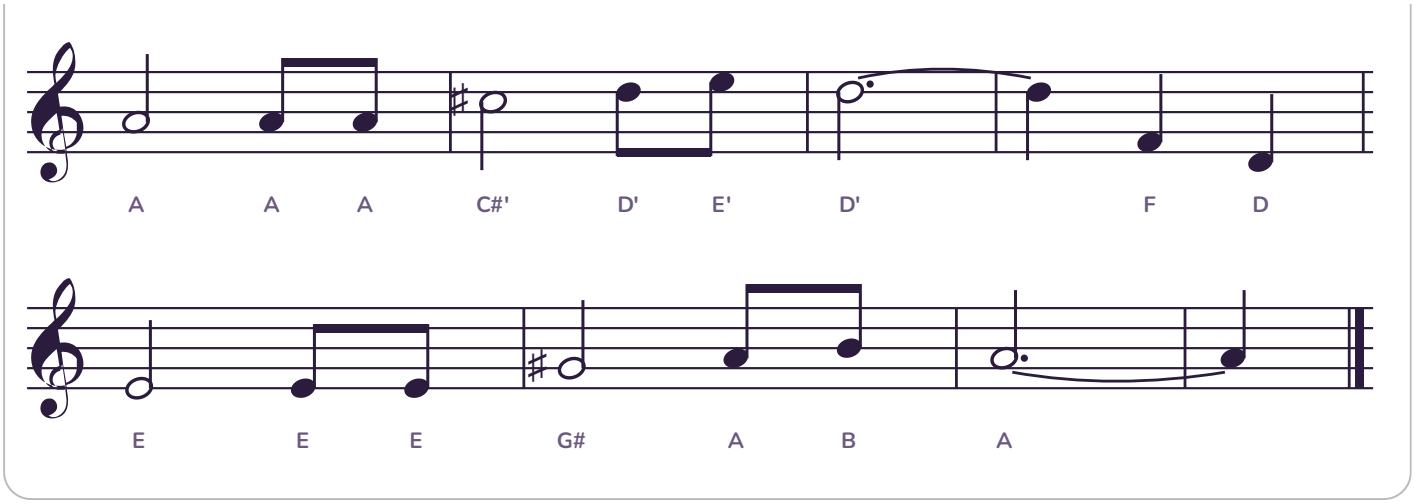
The notes & rhythm



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

Sheet music





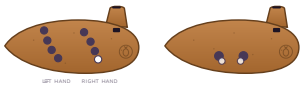
Standard treble clef notation with letter guides below each note.

The notes as letters

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

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)

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)

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 Dandansoy

- 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.
- 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.
- G# needs one hole half covered: slide your finger to open just half of it, and listen until the note settles between G and A.