



Arpeggios 1

AN ARPEGGIO is a musical pattern which is often used as exercises, and

is commonly found within pieces of music. It is based upon the first, third and fifth notes of a major scale. Let's look at D major, and give each note of the scale a number (Fig.1):

Fig.1

	D	E	F#	G	A	B	C#	D'
Musical Note								
Fingering	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1
Mandolin Fret	0	2	4	5	0	2	4	5

Now we'll focus on the first, third and fifth notes of the scale and, just like when you play the full scale, you end with the octave note, the high D (Fig.2).

Fig.2

	D	E	F#	G	A	B	C#	D'
Musical Note								
Fingering	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1'
Mandolin Fret	0	2	4	5	0	2	4	5

Now do the exercises below, the object being to try to become familiar with the arpeggio patterns.

Arpeggios: Key of D

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Arpeggios: Key of G

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