

Violin & Viola Finger Spacing Patterns

1-2 Pattern

e.g. "Snake Charmer Song"

Violin

Viola

The 1-2 pattern is shown in 4/4 time. The violin part starts with a slur over the first two notes (F4 and G4), followed by a sequence of notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4. The viola part follows the same sequence. A box with the number '4' is placed above the final note of each part, indicating a fourth finger fingering for the final note.

2-3 Pattern

e.g. "Go Tell Aunt Rhody"

Vln.

Vla.

The 2-3 pattern is shown in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The violin part starts with a slur over the first two notes (F#4 and G4), followed by a sequence of notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4. The viola part follows the same sequence. A box with the number '4' is placed above the final note of each part, indicating a fourth finger fingering for the final note.

3-4 Pattern

e.g. "Happy Birthday"

Vln.

Vla.

The 3-4 pattern is shown in 3/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The violin part starts with a slur over the first two notes (F#4 and G4), followed by a sequence of notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4. The viola part follows the same sequence. A box with the number '4' is placed above the final note of each part, indicating a fourth finger fingering for the final note.

0-1 & 3-4 Pattern

(3-4 Position, 1/2 step lower)

e.g. "Do, A Deer"

Vln.

Vla.

The 0-1 & 3-4 pattern is shown in 5/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The violin part starts with a slur over the first two notes (Bb4 and C5), followed by a sequence of notes: D5, Eb5, C5, Bb4, Ab4, G4, F4, E4. The viola part follows the same sequence. A box with the number '4' is placed above the final note of each part, indicating a fourth finger fingering for the final note.

0-1 Pattern

("Open" Hand Pattern)

e.g. "Fly Me to the Moon"

Vln.

Vla.

The 0-1 pattern is shown in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The violin part starts with a slur over the first two notes (Bb4 and C5), followed by a sequence of notes: D5, Eb5, C5, Bb4, Ab4, G4, F4, E4. The viola part follows the same sequence. A box with the number '4' is placed above the final note of each part, indicating a fourth finger fingering for the final note.