

LESSON 30

THE CHROMATIC SCALE

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A special scale is the so-called chromatic scale. All white and black keys on a piano keyboard are played in succession, up (ascending), or back again (descending). In general, when going up a sharp (#) sign, and when going down a flat-sign should be used.

ascending enharmonic tones descending

C C# D D# E F F# G G# A A# B C Cb Bb A Ab G Gb F E Eb D Db C

1. Write the ascending chromatic scale in the treble clef.

2. Write the descending chromatic scale in the treble clef.

3. Write the ascending chromatic scale in the bass clef.

4. Fill in the missing notes of the chromatic scale.

5. Count the number of semitone steps between the following pitches

7 1 5 4 10 8 0 8 9