

Violin & Viola 2-Octave Major Scales

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First Position	Remember!	KEY	sharps or flats?	KEY	sharps or flats?
Open string start	- High 2 on bottom strings (lower octave) - Low 2 on top strings (upper octave) - Stop on low 2 on top string	G	<i>F#</i>	C	<i>no sharps or flats</i>
1st finger start	- High 3 on bottom strings (lower octave) - Stop on 3 on top string	A	<i>F#, C#, G#</i>	D	<i>F#, C#</i>
2nd finger start	- Low 2 and low 1 on all strings - Low 4 on top strings (Because 1 is low, 2 is still a whole step away, not touching 1)	Bb	<i>Bb, Eb</i>	Eb	<i>Bb, Eb, Ab</i>
3rd finger start	- Low 2 on top three strings - Low 1 on top string - Extend 4 (All whole steps on top string until extended 4, which is a half-step away from 4)	C	<i>no sharps or flats</i>	F	<i>Bb</i>
Third Position					
1st finger start	- Start on 1 in 3rd position, lowest string - Check 2 against next open string - High 3, low 4 on bottom octave - Major tetrachord (normal) finger pattern on top two strings	C	<i>no sharps or flats</i>	F	<i>Bb</i>
2nd finger start	- Start on 2 in 3rd position, lowest string (check against next open string) - High 3 and 4 on bottom strings (reach up for 4, back for 1) - High 3 (half step to 4) on top strings	D	<i>F#, C#</i>	G	<i>F#</i>
3rd finger start	- Start on 3 in 3rd position, lowest string (check 2 against next open string) - High 4 and 1 on lower octave. - Upper octave will feel like all whole steps (the half steps are at the string crossing and the extended 4 at the end).	E	<i>F#, C#, G#, D#</i>	A	<i>F#, C#, G#</i>
3rd finger start	Same as 3rd finger start above, one 1/2 step lower	Eb	<i>Bb, Eb, Ab</i>	Ab	<i>Bb, Eb, Ab, Db</i>
Third and Fifth Position					
4th finger start	- Start on low 4 in 3rd position, lowest string. - Use regular major tetrachord pattern for lower octave. - On top string, use low 2. - After low 2, shift to 5th position and play the last major tetrachord using a high 3. - Shift down the way you came up, to a low 2, and stay in 3rd position to finish.	F	<i>Bb</i>	Bb	<i>Bb, Eb</i>