

# The Melodic Minor Scale and Its Modes for Seven String Guitar

The melodic minor scale is a versatile scale that can be used to create a wide variety of musical moods. It is a great scale for soloing, improvisation, and composition. In this article, we will explore the melodic minor scale and its modes on the seven string guitar. We will also provide some exercises to help you practice using this scale.

## The Melodic Minor Scale

The melodic minor scale is a seven-note scale that is constructed by raising the sixth and seventh notes of the natural minor scale by one half step. This gives the scale a unique sound that is both melodic and harmonic. The melodic minor scale is often used in jazz, blues, and rock music.



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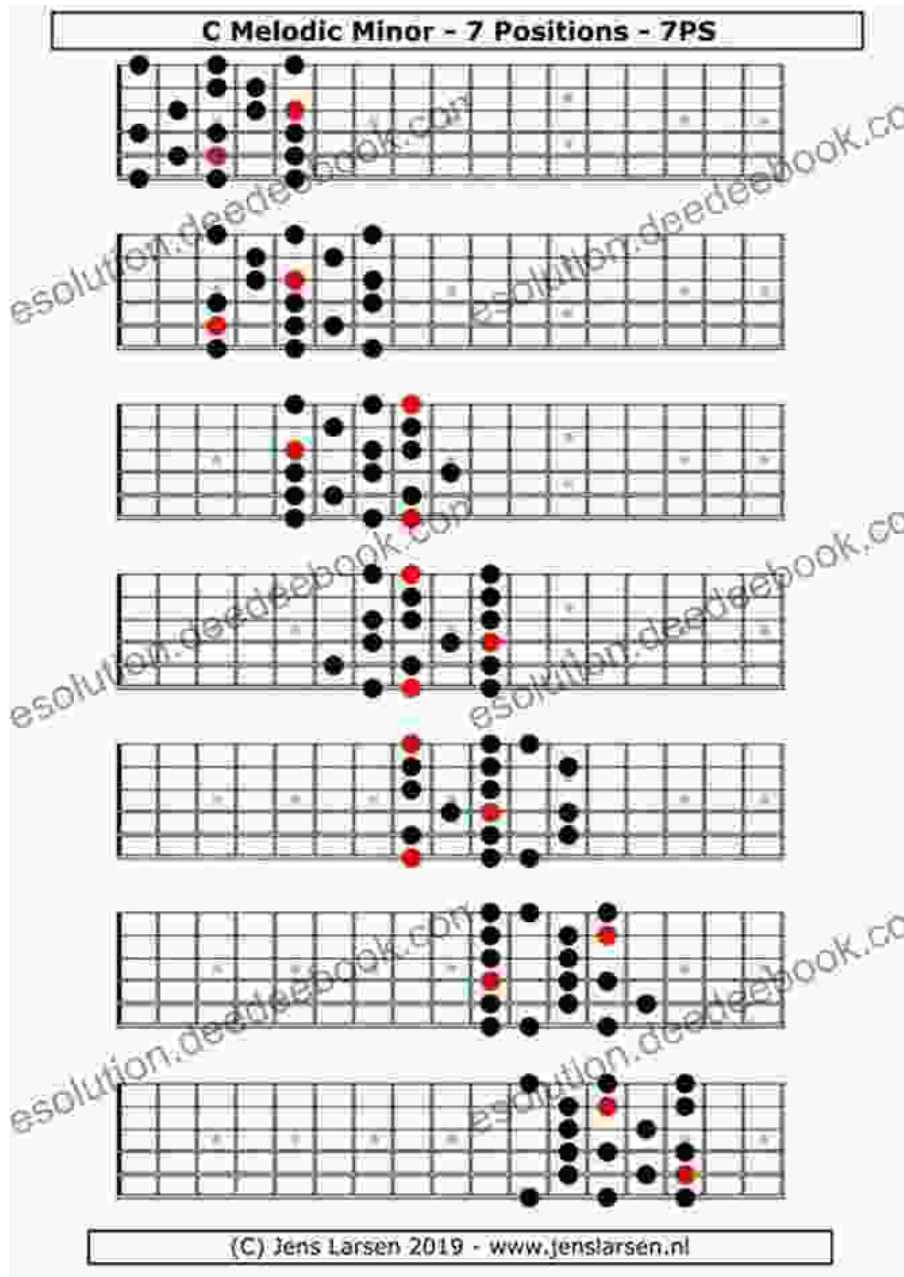
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The following is the pattern for the melodic minor scale:

1 2 b3 4 5 6 7

On the seven string guitar, the melodic minor scale can be played in the following positions:



## The Modes of the Melodic Minor Scale

The melodic minor scale has seven modes, each of which has its own unique sound and character. The modes of the melodic minor scale are:

1. **Ionian** (1 2 3 4 5 6 7)
2. **Dorian** (1 2 b3 4 5 6 b7)

3. **Phrygian** (1 b2 b3 4 5 b6 b7)
4. **Lydian** (1 2 3 #4 5 6 7)
5. **Mixolydian** (1 2 3 4 5 6 b7)
6. **Aeolian** (1 2 b3 4 5 b6 b7)
7. **Locrian** (1 b2 b3 b4 b5 b6 b7)

Each mode of the melodic minor scale can be used to create a different musical mood. For example, the Ionian mode is a major scale that is often used for happy and upbeat music. The Dorian mode is a minor scale that has a more somber and reflective sound. The Phrygian mode is a minor scale that is often used for dark and mysterious music.

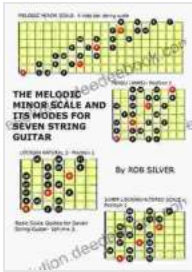
## **Exercises**

The following are some exercises to help you practice using the melodic minor scale and its modes on the seven string guitar:

1. **Play the melodic minor scale in all seven positions.**
2. **Play the modes of the melodic minor scale in all seven positions.**
3. **Create a melody using the melodic minor scale.**
4. **Create a chord progression using the melodic minor scale.**
5. **Improvise over a chord progression using the melodic minor scale.**

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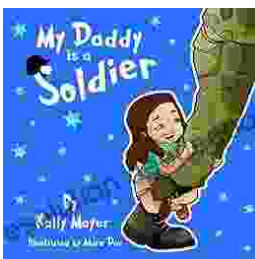
to improve your understanding of the melodic minor scale and its modes, and you will be able to use this scale to create your own unique music.



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