

# How to Play Cello

## Lesson 2

**WATCH THE LESSON AT:** <https://youtu.be/Fb4Aar9fzqI>

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Feel free to leave questions as comments on the video.*

Remember to always tune your instrument before playing or practicing

### Left Hand Technique

- round fingers with thumb across from 2nd (middle) finger
- place fingers on fingertips (no collapsed knuckles)
- relaxed thumb, don't press
- even space between each finger
- left elbow slightly raised
- make sure string is fully pressed down to avoid "thud" sound

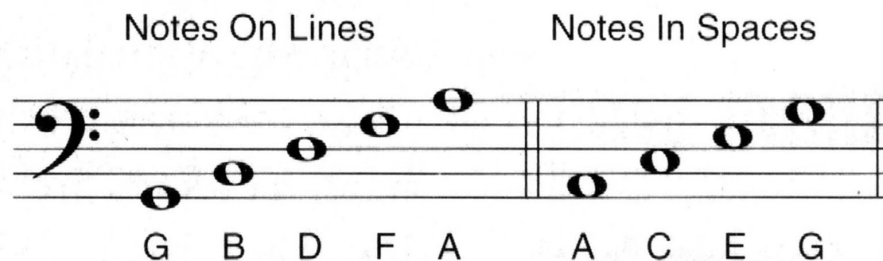
### Finding the Left Hand Notes

- use your tuner to help you find your finger placements
- if you're not sure if you're too high or too low, refer to the Musical Alphabet in the video

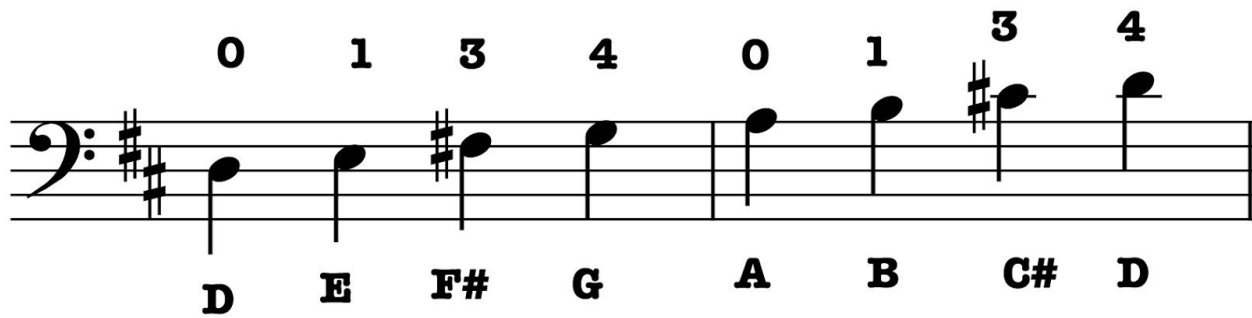
### The Musical Staff



= Bass Clef



## D Major Scale



- work on scale slowly pizzicato first, checking each note with your tuner
- once you complete the scale and reach the high D, reverse and play backwards until you reach open D again
- check that 4th finger notes match the sound of the open string below (i.e. 4th finger D on the A string and open D string)
- always put fingers down together as unit, for example, if you are playing a 4th finger, fingers 1, 2, and 3 should all be pressed down

**To Practice:** Work your way up slowly to being able to play the entire D major scale, from open D to high D and all the way back down, with 4 plucks on each note, then 2 plucks on each note. Be patient and determined!

**Recommended Supply List with details is included with the Intro video, but you can also browse some items at [amazon.com/shop/emilyplayscello](https://www.amazon.com/shop/emilyplayscello)**

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