

Ukulele Player Guide: Vol. I Minor Blues Scale

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In this guide, we'll show you how to play the minor blues scale on the ukulele, and we'll provide some helpful tips for playing it like a pro. We'll also include some practice exercises and songs to help you get started.

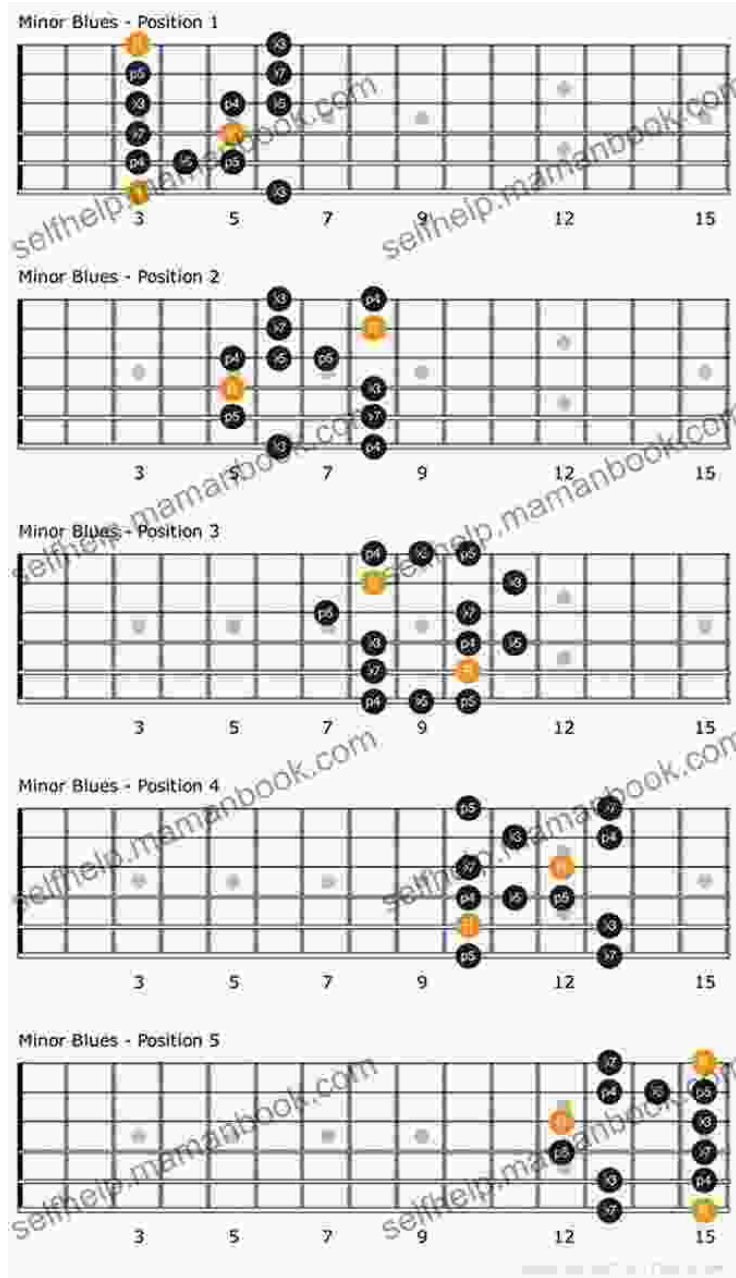
How to Play the Minor Blues Scale on the Ukulele

The minor blues scale is a seven-note scale that consists of the following notes:

- Root
- Minor third

- Perfect fourth
- Perfect fifth
- Minor sixth
- Major seventh
- Octave

To play the minor blues scale on the ukulele, you can use the following fingering:



Start by placing your index finger on the first fret of the A string. This is the root note of the scale. Then, place your middle finger on the second fret of the D string, your ring finger on the third fret of the G string, and your pinky finger on the fourth fret of the C string. These are the minor third, perfect fourth, and perfect fifth notes of the scale, respectively.

To play the minor sixth note, lift your pinky finger off the C string and place it on the second fret of the A string. Then, to play the major seventh note, lift your ring finger off the G string and place it on the fourth fret of the A string. Finally, to play the octave, lift your middle finger off the D string and place it on the first fret of the G string.

Tips for Playing the Minor Blues Scale on the Ukulele

Here are a few tips for playing the minor blues scale on the ukulele:

- Use a light touch when fretting the notes. This will help you avoid muting the strings.
- Be sure to play the notes in the correct order. The scale will sound dissonant if you play the notes out of order.
- Practice the scale slowly at first. Once you get the hang of it, you can start to speed up.
- Try using a metronome to help you keep a steady tempo.
- Don't be afraid to experiment with different fingerings. There is no one "right" way to play the minor blues scale.

Practice Exercises

Here are a few practice exercises to help you get started with the minor blues scale:

- Play the scale up and down the fretboard in one octave.
- Play the scale in different positions on the fretboard.
- Try playing the scale in different rhythms and tempos.

- Use the scale to improvise over a blues backing track.

Songs that Use the Minor Blues Scale

Here are a few songs that use the minor blues scale:

- "Crossroads" by Robert Johnson
- "Hoochie Coochie Man" by Muddy Waters
- "Sweet Home Chicago" by Robert Johnson
- "The Thrill Is Gone" by B.B. King
- "Stormy Monday" by T-Bone Walker

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We hope this guide has helped you learn how to play the minor blues scale on the ukulele. With a little practice, you'll be able to play this scale like a pro in no time.



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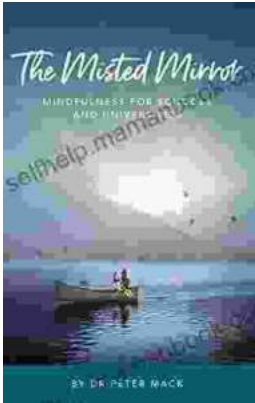
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