Noodlecafé

The guitar only has 12 notes

Learn 12 notes on 12 frets and you know the whole neck.

A · A# · B · C · C# · D · D# · E · F · F# · G · G#

↺ A

Quick reference

- **No sharp** between B–C and E–F. That is why it is 12, not 14.
- **Fret 12** = the open string, one octave up. Everything above fret 12 repeats.
- **Sharp = flat:** A# = Bb · C# = Db · D# = Eb · F# = Gb · G# = Ab
- **Dots** on your guitar sit at frets 3, 5, 7, 9 and 12.

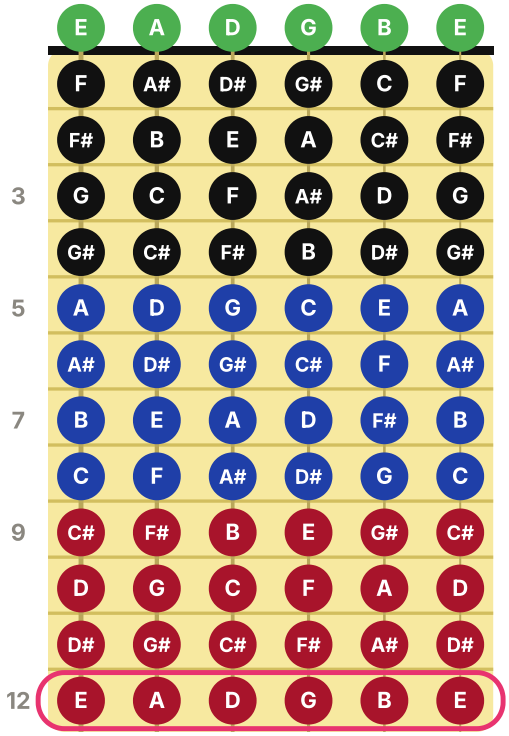
Natural notes · which fret?

string	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
e	5	7	8	10	0 · 12	1	3
B	10	0 · 12	1	3	5	6	8
G	2	4	5	7	9	10	0 · 12
D	7	9	10	0 · 12	2	3	5
A	0 · 12	2	3	5	7	8	10
E	5	7	8	10	0 · 12	1	3

Find the same note again

from	go	example
E or A string	2 strings up, 2 frets up	E fret 3 (G) → D fret 5
D or G string	2 strings up, 3 frets up	D fret 2 (E) → B fret 5
low E	same fret on high e	E fret 5 (A) → e fret 5

The map · frets 0 to 12



Learn it in 7 days · 5 min a day

Day 1 Low E string, natural notes only.

Day 2 A string, natural notes only.

Day 3 Add the sharps: +1 fret (E+1 = F, B+1 = C).

Day 4 Octave shapes from E and A.

Day 5 Octave shapes from D and G.

Day 6 High e = low E. 3 strings done.

Day 7 Any note, every string, under 10 s.

Try it now · 2 minutes

Pick the A string. Play frets 0 to 12 and say each note out loud. At fret 12 you land on A again.

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