

Teach Yourself To Play Guitar

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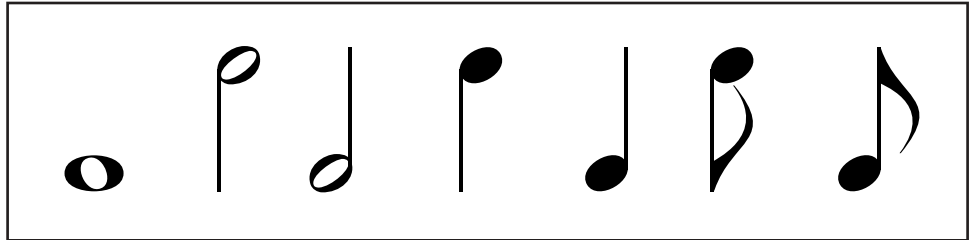
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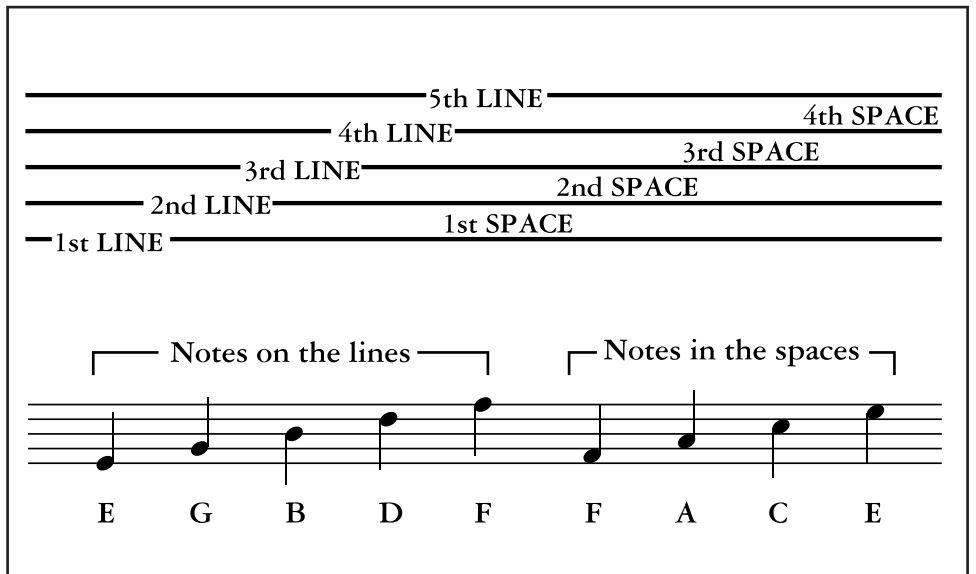
Notes

Musical sounds are indicated by symbols called **NOTES**. Their time value is determined by their color (white or black) and by stems and flags attached to the note.



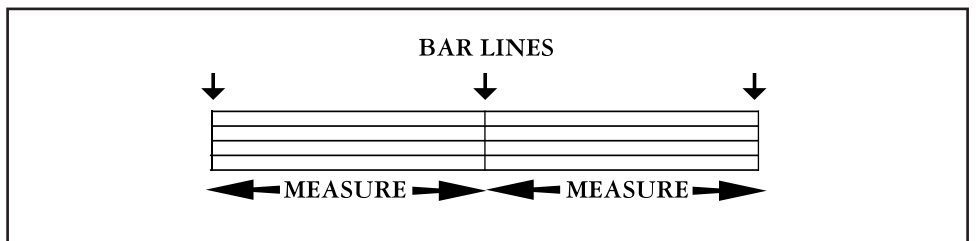
The Staff

The name and pitch of the notes are determined by the note's position on a graph made of five horizontal lines, and the spaces in between, called the staff. The notes are named after the first seven letters of the alphabet (A–G), repeated to embrace the entire range of musical sound.



Measures and Bar Lines

Music is also divided into equal parts, called **MEASURES**. One measure is divided from another by a **BAR LINE**.



Clefs

During the evolution of music notation, the staff had from two to twenty lines, and symbols were invented to locate a reference line, or pitch, by which all other pitches were determined. These symbols were called **clefs**.

Music for the guitar is written in the G or treble clef. Originally the Gothic letter G was used on a four-line staff to establish the pitch of G:

