

How To Go From Scales to Great Jazz Phrases

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Standard tuning

♩ = 120

Example 1 - C major Scale

Cmaj7

8 10 7 8 10 7 9 10 | 7 9 10 8 10 7 8

Example 2 - Diatonic Triads in C major

C Dm Em F G Am Bdim C

8 7 10 10 8 7 7 10 9 8 7 10 | 10 9 7 7 10 9 9 7 10 10 9 8

Example 3 - Diatonic 7th chord arpeggios in C major

Cmaj7 Dm7 Em7 Fmaj7 G7 Am7 Bø Cmaj7

8 7 10 9 10 8 7 10 | 7 10 9 7 8 7 10 9 | 10 9 7 10 7 10 9 8 | 7 7 10 10 9 8 7

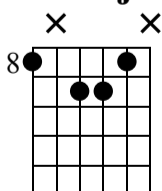
Example 4 - Boring Scale lick

Cmaj7

9 10 8 10 8 | 10 9 10 7 9

Example 5 - Cmaj7 chord

Cmaj7



8 9 9 8

Example 6 - Cmaj7 arpeggio

Cmaj7

Example 7 - Line just using the arpeggio

Cmaj7

Example 8a - Line adding scale notes in-between arpeggio notes

Cmaj7

Example 8b - The Chord Tone Skeleton of 8a

Cmaj7

Example 9a

Cmaj7

Example 9b

Cmaj7

Example 10a - Chromatic Passing Notes

Cmaj7

Musical notation for Example 10a. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with notes: F4, F4, F#4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, Bb3, B3, A3, G3, F3. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature: 8-10-6-7 | 8-9-10-9 | 8-10-8-9.

Example 10b - Chromatic Passing Notes Connecting Arpeggio Notes

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Musical notation for Example 10b. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with notes: G4, F#4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, Bb3, B3, A3, G3. A triplet of notes (F#4, F4, E4) is marked with a '3'. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature: 9-10-9-8-7-11-10-9 | 8.

Example 10c - Chromatic Enclosures

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Musical notation for Example 10c. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with notes: F4, F#4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, Bb3, B3, A3, G3. A triplet of notes (F#4, F4, E4) is marked with a '3'. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature: 10-7-8-10-8-9 | 10-7-9-10-7.

Example 10d - Combining Passing Notes and Enclosures

Cmaj7

Musical notation for Example 10d. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with notes: F4, F#4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, Bb3, B3, A3, G3. A triplet of notes (F#4, F4, E4) is marked with a '3'. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature: 10-9-8-10-6-7 | 8-9-7 | 10-8-9-10.