

Common patterns in Fox Hand

With 2nd and 3rd fingers close together, you have a Fox Hand.

Otakar Ševčík (1852 – 1934), influential Czech violinist, is well known for his detailed analytical studies of major violin concertos, as well as his etude books for the left hand.

In the spirit of Sevcik's studies, below are some of the basic patterns in **Fox Hand** position.

If students have trouble naming the letter names of the notes, they should speak the note names and play the notes slowly at the same time to gain awareness.

"All" means all fingers down.

The image displays four exercises, numbered 1 through 4, each consisting of two staves of music. Exercise 1: The first staff contains eighth notes with fingerings A, B, C, D. The second staff shows chords starting with '0 All' and a 'G' chord. Exercise 2: The first staff contains eighth notes with fingerings E, F#, G, A. The second staff shows chords starting with '0 All' and a 'D' chord. Exercise 3: The first staff contains eighth notes with fingerings B, C#, D, E. The second staff shows chords starting with '0 All' and an 'A' chord. Exercise 4: The first staff contains eighth notes with fingerings F#, G#, A, B. The second staff shows chords starting with '0 All' and an 'E' chord. All exercises conclude with a double bar line.