

## ~ Sanshin Instructions ~

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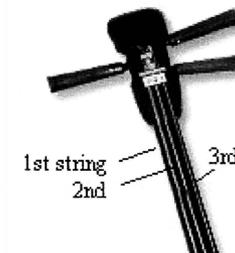
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### 1. Basic

- 1. Koma bridge

Stand the koma bridge and put it between the body and the three strings approx. at 5cm / 2 inches from the bottom.

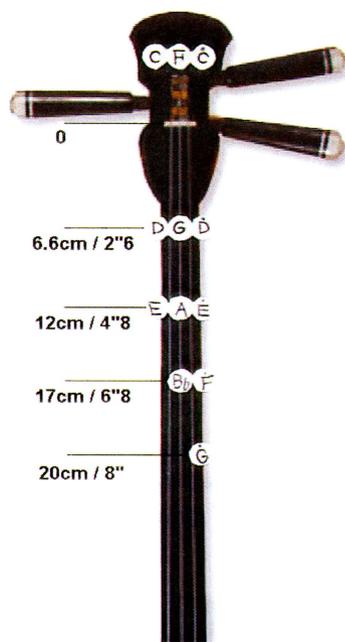
- 2. Tuning



Tune	1 <sup>st</sup> string	2 <sup>nd</sup> string	3 <sup>rd</sup> string
Hon-choushi (original tuning)	C / Do	F / Fa	Ċ / Ḋo
Niage-chou (raise the second string)	C / Do	G / Sol	Ċ / Ḋo
Sansage-chou (lower the third string)	C / Do	F / Fa	B b / Si b
Ichiage-chou (raise the first string)	E / Mi	F / Fa	Ċ / Ḋo

The Okinawan basic tune is C - E - F - G - B b - C / Do - Mi - Fa - Sol - Si b - Do. Most pieces are played at Hon-choushi.

## 2. Notes



When you play C - F - C, do not touch any cord with your left hand.

This instrument is made for right handed players. If you are left handed, you would need to reverse the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> strings.

## 3. Let' s get started to play

Practice some simple well-known pieces and then sing at the same time as many sanshin players do.

### -1. ABC song / Twinkle Little Star

Twin - kle Twin - kle Li - ttle Star  
C | C | G | G | A | A | G | O

How I won - der what you are  
F | F | E | E | D | D | C | O

Up a - bove the world so high  
G | G | F | F | E | E | D | O

Like a dia - mond in the sky  
G | G | F | F | E | E | D | O

Twin - kle Twin - kle Li - ttle Star  
C | C | G | G | A | A | G | O

How I won - der what you are  
F | F | E | E | D | D | C | O

Twin - kle Twin - kle Li - ttle Star  
Do | Do | Sol | Sol | La | La | Sol | O

How I won - der what you are  
Fa | Fa | Mi | Mi | Re | Re | Do | O

Up a - bove the world so high  
Sol | Sol | Fa | Fa | Mi | Mi | Re | O

Like a dia - mond in the sky  
Sol | Sol | Fa | Fa | Mi | Mi | Re | O

Twin - kle Twin - kle Li - ttle Star  
Do | Do | Sol | Sol | La | La | Sol | O

How I won - der what you are  
Fa | Fa | Mi | Mi | Re | Re | Do | O

-2. Sakura Sakura / Cherry blossom

Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra  
Ḍ | Ḍ | Ê | ○ | Ḍ | Ḍ | Ê | ○

No - ya - ma mo sa - to mo  
Ḍ | Ê | F̣ | Ê | Ḍ | ÊḌ | B b | ○

Mi - wa - ta - su ka - gi - ri  
A | F | A | B b | A | AF | E | ○

Ka - su - mi ka ku - mo ka  
Ḍ | Ê | F̣ | Ê | Ḍ | ÊḌ | B b | ○

A - sa - hi ni ni - o - u  
A | F | A | B b | A | AF | E | ○

Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra  
Ḍ | Ḍ | Ê | ○ | Ê | Ḍ | Ê | ○

Ha - na za - ka - ri  
A | B | ÊḌ | B b | A | ○ | ○ | ○

Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra  
Ṛe | Ṛe | Ṃi | ○ | Ṛe | Ṛe | Ṃi | ○

No - ya - ma mo sa - to mo  
Ṛe | Ṃi | F̣a | Ṃi | Ṛe | Ṃi Ṛe | Si b | ○

Mi - wa - ta - su ka - gi - ri  
La | Fa | La | Si b | La | La Fa | Mi | ○

Ka - su - mi ka ku - mo ka  
Ṛe | Ṃi | F̣a | Ṃi | Ṛe | Ṃi Ṛe | Si b | ○

A - sa - hi ni ni - o - u  
La | Fa | La | Si b | La | La Fa | Mi | ○

Sa - ku - ra sa - ku - ra  
Ṛe | Ṛe | Ṃi | ○ | Ṛe | Ṛe | Ṃi | ○

Ha - na za - ka - ri  
La | Si | Ṃi Ṛe | B b | A | ○ | ○ | ○

Translation :

Cherry blossom, cherry blossom  
From the mountains to valleys  
As far as I can see  
Like mist or cloud  
Perfuming the morning sun  
Cherry blossom, cherry blossom  
Flowers in full bloom