

Minor Scales

The minor scale pattern is:

W H W W H W W
 Whole Step Half Step Whole Step Whole Step Half Step Whole Step Whole Step

Think: W H W W H W W

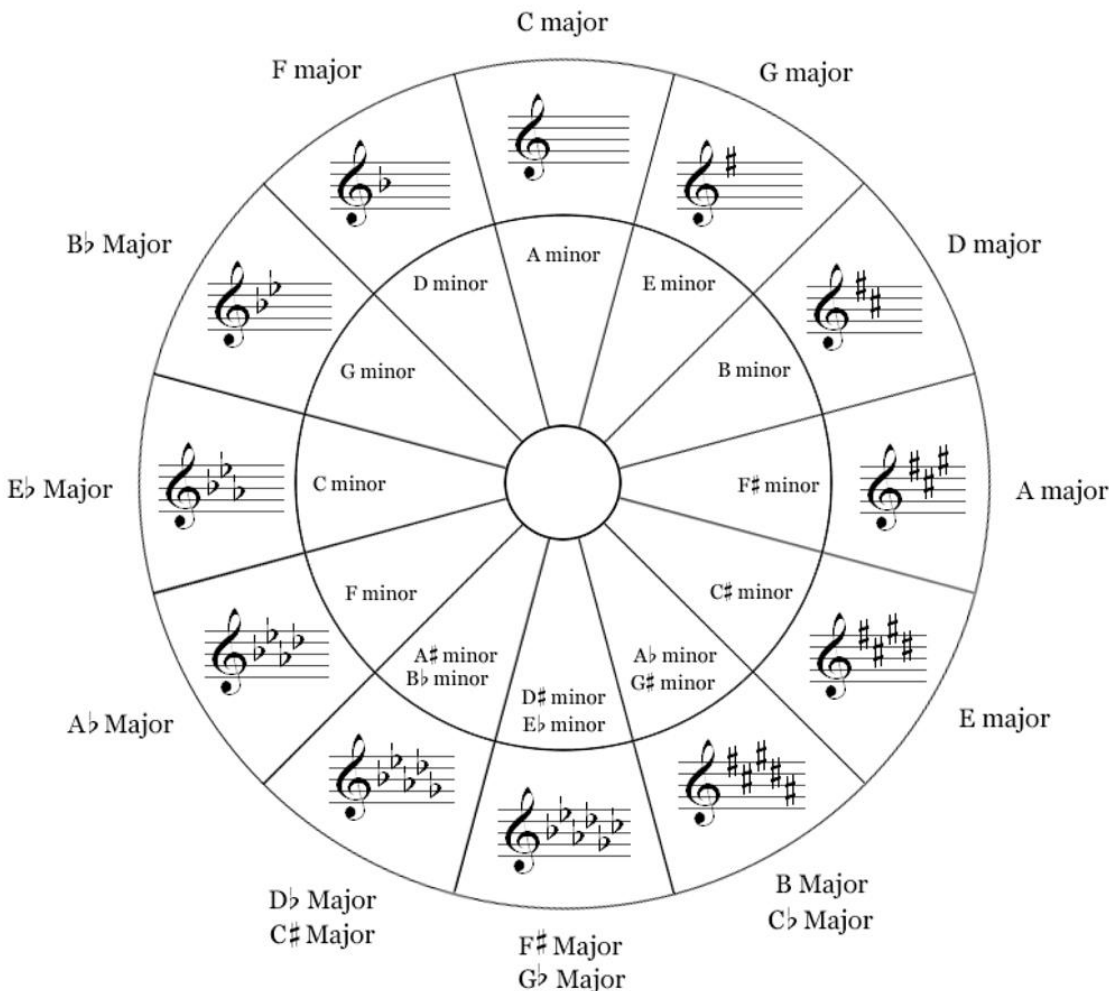
There are three types of minor scales.

Natural minor- same as the relative major, starts somewhere else.

Harmonic (harmony) minor- 7th note is raised a half step

Melodic minor- different on the way up and down; raise the 6th and 7th a half step and lower those notes a semitone on the way back down.

The Circle of Fifths



This circle is both very confusing and extraordinary at the same time. It contains so much information. For now, just know that the outer major scale has its minor relative written on the inside.