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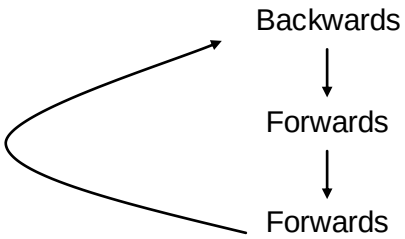
The Flourish Drill

We named this drill 'The Flourish Drill' because any part of this sequence played at speed produces a flourish of notes (great trick for solos).

How to remember the pattern:

Using the Minor Pentatonic Scale (on any fret), starting from the lowest note, imagine that each note higher is a step *forward* and each note lower is a step *backwards*. Now follow this sequence.

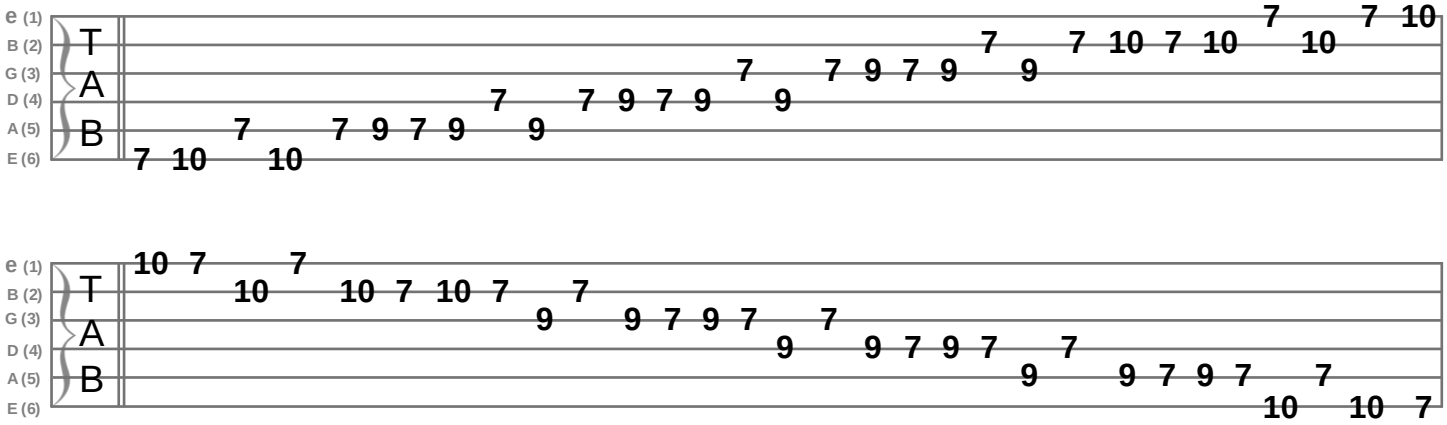
Play the first 3 notes in order then:



Until you hit the highest note. Then reverse the pattern (a step lower is a *forward* step and a step higher is a *backward* step) until you are back at the start. Practice with down picks only until fast, then use 'speed picking': up pick then down pick alternately (up pick on 1st finger, down pick on 3rd and 4th fingers). Speed picking will be harder at first but will ultimately result in a faster flourish of notes.

The Flourish Drill in TAB

Based on the Minor Pentatonic beginning on the 7th fret.



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