



# Devil Among the Tailors

A Fast, Fun Fiddle Piece  
for Flexible Fingers!



This catchy folk tune shares its name with a tabletop pub skittles game! It dates back to the early 1800s, and is played by fiddlers around the world.

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### Activities

- 1) **Sight-read** through the piece *slowly*.

- 2) **Choose** the most challenging bars, and loop (repeat) them slowly. Then gradually increase the tempo, using a metronome to make sure you are always playing with an even beat.
- 3) **Practise** slow string crossings between the A and E strings (down on A, up on E). Make sure your movements are smooth and efficient. Then speed everything up!
- 4) **Challenge** your coordination ... Reverse the bowing so every bar starts with an up-bow instead of a down-bow. How does it feel? Beware of the string crossings!
- 5) **Experiment** with different note patterns that fit with the harmony.