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Chromatic notes are notes that don't belong in the key that you are playing in. Here are some examples to try:

A String



E String



D String



G String



The image shows four musical staves, each representing a string of a violin. Each staff is in 4/4 time and contains an ascending chromatic scale. The notes are: A (open), A-flat (finger 1), A (finger 1), A-sharp (finger 2), B (finger 2), B-flat (finger 3), B (finger 3), B-sharp (finger 4), C (finger 4). The strings are labeled A String, E String, D String, and G String from top to bottom.

Chromatic notes are used in all types of music. In jazz you will often find 'jazz slides' of a semitone, played with the same finger.

Activities

- 1) **Play** through the ascending chromatic examples above.
- 2) **Write out** the descending chromatic pattern for the D string, from A down to D:

