

"Once upon a time there was a young girl in the fifth grade who was presented with a clarinet by her parents. The girl had very little interest in playing a musical instrument but her parents had high hopes of their daughter practicing everyday, staying out of trouble, becoming confident, disciplined and intellectually advantaged through the wonders of music. The girl, however, had different ideas. Practice was hard and seemed to go on forever. She found it hard to get the notes out and she knew she sounded bad. Besides, her friends were hanging out, texting, and building virtual farms on smartphones. Yet, the parents persisted and their efforts were not well-received.

The girl resented her parent's orders to practice and the girl hated music class where she felt embarrassed when she had to perform.

The parents were right though- They had seen many young people take dangerous paths out of childhood. They knew that their daughter needed something real and positive in her life on which to build a sense of accomplishment and self-esteem. How else would their daughter face the world prepared for everything she might encounter and with everything she needed?

The local Music Store Man saw the girl and her father walk into his store one day to buy some reeds and a new book. Perceptive, the Music Store Man could tell that the girl lacked the level of interest and excitement that many of the other young musicians showed on their faces. He saw that the father was actively trying to spark an interest in her- but he was close to giving up completely on music for his daughter. The Music Store Man knew he could help.

He called them both over and showed them the dxdt Rotary Clarinet Fingering Chart. The girl and her dad saw how easy it was to get every note she'd ever need and in a clear and unambiguous manner. She loved how the fingerings just seemed to magically appear just by rotating the pointing the inner disk to the note she wanted. The Music Store Man showed how she would soon learn her keys using the circle of fifths, and could use the chart to transpose music to keys that she wanted to play in.

The father bought the rotary fingering chart and the girl kept it between the pages of every book she was practicing with. It turned out that one of the things that made practicing a drag was the constant fumbling for notes and the need to turn pages or switch books to find fingerings that were in charts that were hard to understand, in a different notation, and pushed together with a bunch of other fingerings. The dxdt rotary chart was an easy fix for all that.

Soon the girl was picking up the notes faster and her practices were more fruitful. Soon she knew she was sounding better. In school when the teacher indicated a key to play in, she had the circle of fifths at hand so she knew all the accidentals just like the more advanced students. Soon her performances improved and she was receiving encouraging smiles from her teacher. Soon her parents were hearing clarinet music without having to demand it. Soon they

had a proud young girl.

The girl's parents noticed that their daughter's friends had taken an interest in music too. Their parents took them to the music store where they bought flutes, saxophones, clarinets and recorders- each with a dxdt rotary woodwind fingering chart. Now the girls encourage each other and play music together instead of staring into smartphones all day or clamor to their parents for shopping trips to the mall.

The Music Store Man knew that he had helped this young girl and her family. He saw the girl at his store more frequently-- buying the more advanced books, talking excitedly with her friends. He now saw the spark and the glow of confidence that she was missing before. He was glad that he was there to give the girl what she needed to get over the hump-- the hump where practicing music actually changed from being a chore, to being fun and rewarding.

And the father? he always wanted to learn to play the sax. He's at the store every week taking lessons with his new saxophone. And yes, he bought a rotary sax fingering chart and training aid too. He needs to catch up to his sixth grader."

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