

Whistle Cross-Fingering Cheat Sheet (D & A Whistles)

Legend: 6-hole whistle, hole 1 = top, X = covered, O = open

D Whistle – Pitch-Stable Cross-Fingerings

Note	Fingering	Stability	Comment
C natural	XXX XOX	Stable	Most common
C natural	XXO XOX	Stable	Darker tone
Bb	XOX XXX	Stable	Very common
Bb	XOO XXX	Stable	Softer Bb
F natural	XXX OOX	Stable	Minor/modal
Eb	XXO XXX	Stable	Expressive accidental

A Whistle – Pitch-Stable Cross-Fingerings

Note	Fingering	Stability	Comment
C natural	XXX XOX	Stable	Essential for A Dorian/minor
C natural	XXO XOX	Stable	Darker tone
Bb	XOX XXX	Stable	Useful in airs
Bb	XOO XXX	Stable	Softer Bb
F natural	XXO OOX	Stable	Minor/modal
G natural	XOX OOO	Stable	Modal color

Expressive / Color-Tone Fingerings (D & A Whistles)

Fingering	Typical Effect	Stability	Use
XXO XOO	Dark E / pitch shading	Color-tone	Slow airs, intonation control
OOX XXX	Soft B / tuning aid	Color-tone	Phrase endings
XXX OOX	Breathy F natural	Color-tone	Minor expression

Note: Color-tone fingerings are whistle- and breath-dependent. Tune by ear.