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I will not get too much into the pentatonic as you can find stuff all over the net. Too much has been said and done on the famous ‘pentatonic box’...As I say in the video, a major pentatonic is a major scale without the 4th and 7th degree. So C major pentatonic is:

C D E G A

These are the 5 positions for the major pentatonic, in the example in G major (but valid for all keys). Of course, remember that if you start from the 6th (the 5th note of the pentatonic - also ‘box’ N.5) you will have the relative minor. In the example in G the minor pentatonic will be E, just like E minor is the relative minor of a G major scale.

The image contains five fretboard diagrams, each with a circled number in the top left corner:

- ①**: Position I. Fretboard III. Fingerings: 1 1 1 (top string), 2 2 (second string), 3 (third string), 4 4 4 (fourth string), 4 4 (fifth string).
- ②**: Position II. Fretboard IV. Fingerings: 1 (top string), 2 2 2 (second string), 1 1 (third string), 4 4 4 4 (fourth string), 3 (fifth string), 4 (sixth string).
- ③**: Position III. Fretboard VII. Fingerings: 1 1 1 1 (top string), 1 (second string), 2 (third string), 3 3 (fourth string), 4 4 (fifth string), 4 4 (sixth string).
- ④**: Position IV. Fretboard VIII. Fingerings: 1 1 (top string), 2 2 (second string), 2 2 (third string), 4 4 4 4 (fourth string), 4 4 (fifth string).
- ⑤**: Position V. Fretboard XII. Fingerings: 1 1 1 1 1 (top string), 1 1 (second string), 3 3 3 (third string), 4 (fourth string), 4 4 (fifth string).

Below these are three more diagrams:

- PENTATONIC MAJOR SCALE**: A blank fretboard with the text "5 POS - (EX: G MAJOR / E MINOR)" written above it.
- Blues Scale**: A fretboard diagram with fingerings: 1 1 1 1 1 1 (top string), 2 (second string), 3 3 3 (third string), 4 (fourth string), 4 4 4 (fifth string).

The last box at the bottom right is the famous ‘blues scale’...a minor pentatonic with an added b5. Try and learn them just like we did for the major scale...all keys, down every single string, from lowest note to highest note on the fretboard and so on.

Good Luck!!