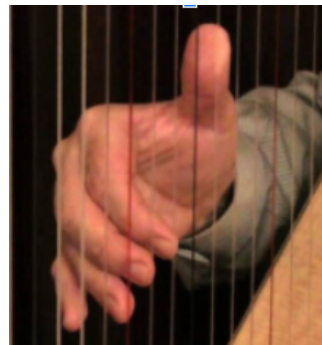


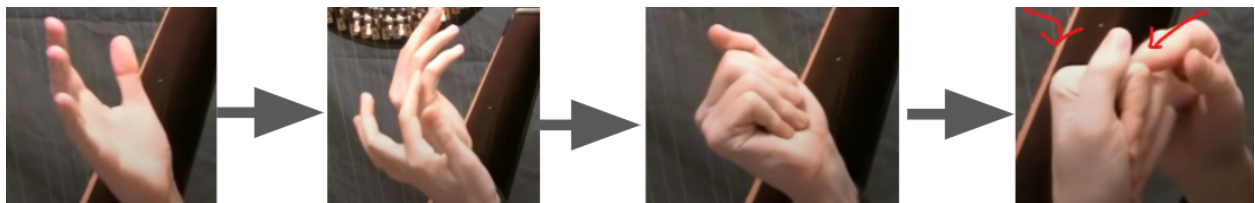
How to Play The Lyre

Harp method.

Harp method uses the thumb, index, middle and fourth finger, never the pinky. Finger numbering is assigned starting with the thumb as number 1 and so on, as shown below. The strings are created by plucking with the fleshy tip of the fingers. The next photo shows a very good hand position for the harp method. The harp method works best for lyres with 15 or more strings.



The basic motion to play the harp is very simple. It is a closing of the hand, with fingers landing on the base of the palm. The closing motion is coming from the first two knuckles closest to the palm while at the same time the thumb rests between the first two knuckles of the index finger.



We learn to play by plucking each note, one finger at a time, being very careful at this stage to ensure we learn and master good technique for each finger before moving on. This is the foundation of learning. Take extra time and focus here to ensure you have a solid foundation to build upon. It will ensure that you produce great tones, relax movements, and wonderful progress. Now pluck each note below to work on your technique.

