

Cheat sheet for entering bagpipe music

Intended for Lilypond 2.11 or better

Plain notes



G a b c cflat d e f fflat g flat A

Single grace notes



\grG \gra \grb \grc \grd \gre \grf \grg \grA

Doublings



\dblG \dbla \dblB \dblC \dblD \dbLe \dblF \dblG \dblA \tripleA \hdblF \tdblF

All other half doublings and thumb doublings are available similarly.


Slurs



\slurA \slurB \slurC \slurD \slurE \slurF \slurG \slurA \hslurF \tslurF

All other half slurs and thumb slurs are available similarly. Note that many of these aren't really playable, and are only included for consistency.

Shakes



`\shakea \shakeb \shakec \shaked \shakee \shakef \shakeg \shakeA \hshakef \tshakef`

All other half shakes and thumb shakes are available similarly. Note that many of these aren't really playable, and are only included for consistency.

Catches



`\catcha \catchb \catchc \catchd \catche \gcatchc \tcatchc`

All other g-grace catches and thumb catches are available similarly.

Throws



`\thrwd \Gthrwd \thrwf \griptrwd`

Grips and birls



`\grip \dgrip \egrip \birl \wbirl \gbirl \dbirl`

Taorluath



`\taor \dtaor \Gtaor \taoramb \taoramc \taoramd`

Crunluath



`\crun \dcrun \Gcrun \crunamb \crunamc \crunamd`

Piobaireachd notation



`\cad \hcad \gracad \grGcad \pthrwd \darodo \Gdarodo \dre \bari \dari \dare`



`\trebling \txtaor \txcrun \txtaorcrun \txtaoram \txcrunam \txtaorcrunam`

Ancient movements
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`\fifteenthcutting \Gfifteenthcutting \seventeenthcutting \Gseventeenthcutting`



`\barluadh \Gbarluadh`

These are the specific bagpipe markups that are available. You need to know a lot more about entering normal music in order to produce useful output. All of this is available in the Lilypond tutorial and manual, as well as in the tips, regression tests, and snippet repository.

Check out www.lilypond.org to learn more about this. All of these things are linked from the documentation page. Make sure you use the **2.11.0** documentation — lots of things have changed since the older versions.