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The musical alphabet

Music is cyclical. There are many examples of this, the circle of 5th/4th is one, and the musical alphabet is another. It is a good habit to begin thinking in this manner. Think about a clock. If we exclude military time, after 12 comes 1 not 13. The same fashion, in the musical alphabet after "G" comes "A" not "H" - more on this in a bit.

The alphabet comes to us via the Greeks. The first two letters Alpha and Beta are where we get the term. In our musical alphabet we only have seven letters. They are: A, B, C, D, E, F and G. Later, we will learn about alterations, sharps (#) and flats (b), but for now we will practice writing and saying these seven letters forward and backward, clockwise and counter-clockwise. Fill the circles below, the first letter has been provided, use appropriate spacing.

Let's get started!

Example :

