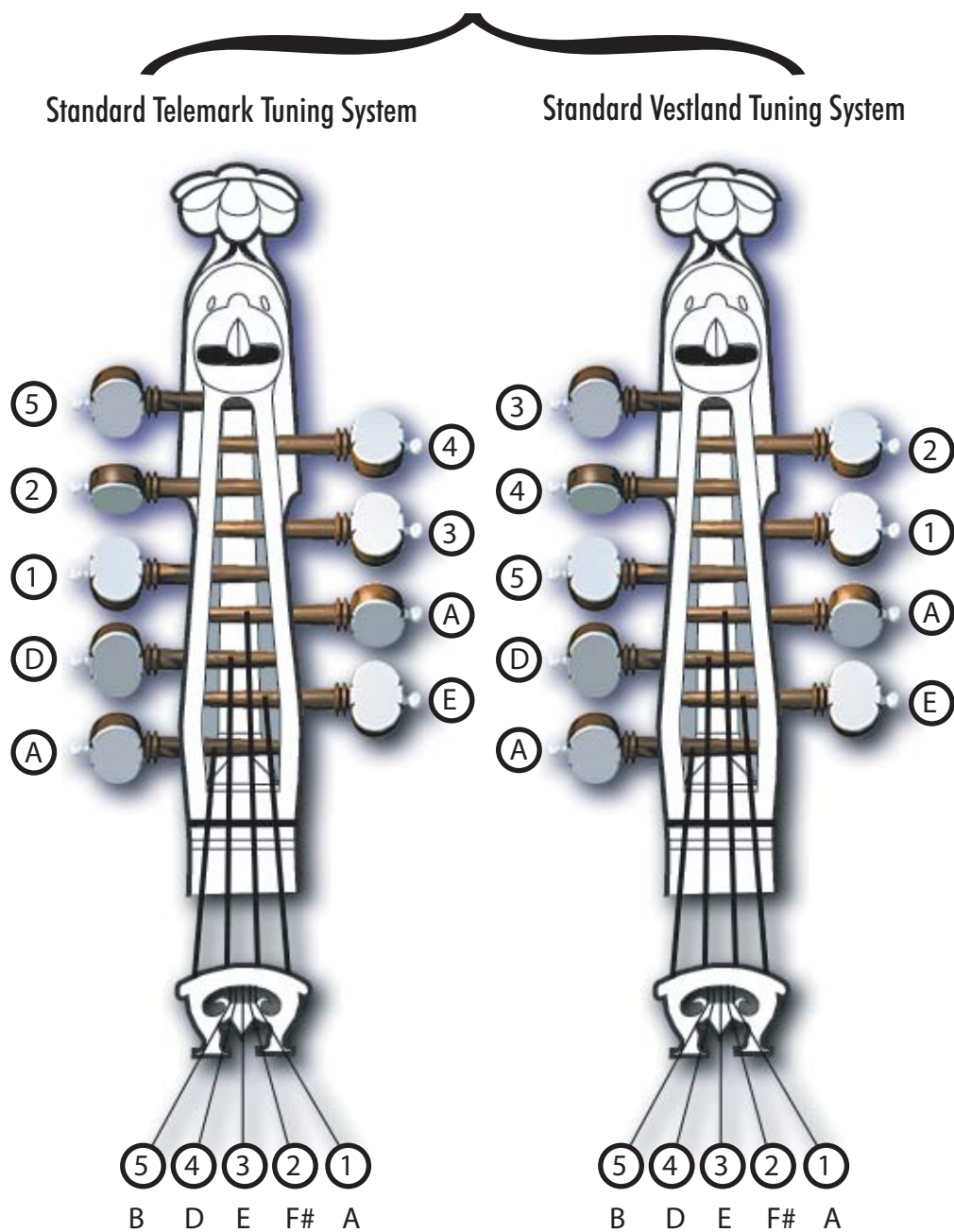


# Typical Hardanger String Configuration and tuning



## String order.

**Most hardanger fiddles use the Telemark system for understring order.** The number 5 and 4 strings are the most frequently tuned and so with this system are the easiest to access.

## Tuning the sympathetics.

The understrings are very light gauge strings (20 to 24 weight) and will break easily. Make sure you know the string order and tune them carefully. You can use a tooth pick to reach between the overstrings and pluck the understrings as I tune them. The understrings will resonate best if they are slightly sharp.

## About the understrings.

The heaviest weight string is 24, then 22 and 20. Strings 5 and 4 are 24 weight. Strings 3 and 2 are 22 weight, and string 1 is 20 weight. Strings 5 and 4 should be attached to the 1st wire hook on the tail piece, 3, 2, and 1 should be attached to the second wire hook.