I think it is a good idea to practice these exercises in ALL keys. Once you have played them up to 4 sharps and flats, you should be able to transpose them into the other keys.

It may be tricky and frustrating at first, but try to remember that it is not hard to play them; it's just something new, and with diligent practice you'll see great results! Remember to go slow at first.

Each of these studies can be broken down into more manageable chunks, and by listening whilst you practice, you'll hear the different exercises within each key.

It is a good idea to practice the exercises tongued, slurred, and also using jazz articulations.

On the last couple of pages are some jazz articulations. They are suggestions to give the studies a more jazzy feel.

Try to make the slurs smooth, and give a slight accent on the notes at the start of them. Also, try to not to consciously swing the quavers. If you play with the correct accents that should make the studies swing.

These articulations are only suggestions...maybe come up with your own too!

Good luck!

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