

How To Play Guitar

Beginner to Intermediate

Shred

How To Read TAB

Thickest String Thinnest String

Open Strings
E A D G B E

Fretting Notes

open string 1st fret 2nd fret 3rd fret open string 1st fret 2nd fret 3rd fret

Pedal Tone Downstrokes

Your First Song (0-3-5)

Smoke On The Water

Seven Nation Army

The POWER CHORD

E5 G5 A5 C5

2 0 | 5 3 | 2 0 | 5 3

0-3-5 With POWER CHORDS

2 0 | 5 3 | 7 5 | 2 0 | (2) (0) | 5 3 | 8 6 | 7 5 | 2 0 | 5 3 | 7 5 | 5 3 | (5) (3) | 2 0

Comfortably Numb

B5 A5 G5 E5 B5

9 7 | 7 5 | 5 3 | 2 2 | 0 0 | 9 7

Power Chord String Changing

Beethoven's 5th Symphony

4 2 | 4 2 | 4 2 | 5 3 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 7 5 | 4 2

Symphony Of Destruction (Megadeth)

F5 E5 F5 E5 F5 E5

3 1 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 3 1 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0

Your First Scale

E Minor Pentatonic

0 3 | 0 2 | 0 2 | 0 3 | 0 3

Pentatonic Scale Riff

Iron Man

Musical notation for the Pentatonic Scale Riff from Iron Man. The staff shows a sequence of notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4. The guitar tablature below shows the fret numbers: 2, 0, 0, 2, 2 | 5, 4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 0, 0, 2, 2.

Master Of Puppets

Palm Muting

Musical notation for the Master Of Puppets riff featuring palm muting. The staff shows a sequence of notes with palm muting (P.M.) markings. The guitar tablature below shows the fret numbers: 0, 0, 12, 0, 0, 11, 0, 0 | 10, 9, 8 | 0, 0, 6, 0, 0, 5, 0, 0 | 4, 0, 3, 0, 2, 0.

Alternate Picking

Musical notation for the Alternate Picking riff. The staff shows a sequence of notes with alternate picking (V) markings. The guitar tablature below shows the fret numbers: 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 | 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.

Crazy Train

Alternate Picking

Musical notation for the Crazy Train riff featuring alternate picking. The staff shows a sequence of notes with alternate picking (V) markings. The guitar tablature below shows the fret numbers: 2, 2, 4, 2, 5, 2, 4, 2 | 2, 5, 4, 5, 2, 5, 4, 0.

Finger Picking

Nothing Else Matters

Musical notation for the Nothing Else Matters riff featuring finger picking. The staff shows a sequence of notes with finger picking (i, m, a) markings and a piano (p) dynamic. The guitar tablature below shows the fret numbers: 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 | 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 | 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 | 0, 0, 0, 0, 0.

The Pull Off
SPEED SECRET

Musical notation for 'The Pull Off' in 4/4 time, featuring a melodic line with pull-offs and a corresponding guitar tab with triplets and pull-off symbols.

Easy Speed Lick
Bach Toccata and Fugue

Musical notation for 'Easy Speed Lick' in G major, featuring a fast sixteenth-note run with a key signature change to A major at the end. Includes guitar tab with fret numbers.

Continuation of the 'Easy Speed Lick' musical notation and guitar tab, showing the final notes and fret positions.

E Blues Scale

Musical notation for the E Blues Scale, showing the characteristic bent notes and a corresponding guitar tab with fret numbers.

($\text{♩} = \overset{\text{3}}{\text{♩}}$)
The 12 Bar Blues
E

Musical notation for the first system of 'The 12 Bar Blues' in E major, featuring a 12-bar structure with guitar tab.

Musical notation for the second system of 'The 12 Bar Blues' in A major, featuring a 12-bar structure with guitar tab.

B A Turnaround E B

(♩ = ♪)
ENTER SANDMAN

Blues Riff

Sunshine Of Your Love
Blues Lick

G Major Scale

G Major Scale Chords

G Am Bm C D Em F#dim G

CAGED SYSTEM

C A G E D

House Of The Rising Sun Chords

Am C D F Am E Am

0 1 2 2 0 0
 0 1 2 2 0 3
 2 3 2 0
 1 2 3
 0 2 2 0
 0 0 1 2 2 0
 0 1 2 2 0

Sweet Child O' Mine Strumming

D Down Down Up Down Down Up

2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0

C

0 1 2 3
 0 1 2 3
 0 1 2 3
 0 1 2 3
 0 1 2 3
 0 1 2 3
 0 1 2 3
 0 1 2 3
 0 1 2 3
 0 1 2 3
 0 1 2 3
 0 1 2 3

G

3 2 0 0 3 2
 3 2 0 0 3 2
 3 2 0 0 3 2
 3 2 0 0 3 2
 3 2 0 0 3 2
 3 2 0 0 3 2
 3 2 0 0 3 2
 3 2 0 0 3 2
 3 2 0 0 3 2
 3 2 0 0 3 2
 3 2 0 0 3 2
 3 2 0 0 3 2

D

2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
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 2 3 2 0
 2 3 2 0
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 2 3 2 0
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A Minor Scale

5 7 8 5 7 8 5 7 9 5 7 9 6 8 10
 5 7 8 5 7 8 5 7 9 5 7 9 6 8 10

Breaking The Law

Minor Scale Riff

Musical notation for the Minor Scale Riff. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff shows the corresponding guitar fretboard with fingerings: 0-2-3-0-2 | (2)-3-0-2-3 | 1-3-5-1-3 | (3)-5-1-3-2.

E Phrygian Dominant Scale

Flamenco/Spanish Guitar

Musical notation for the E Phrygian Dominant Scale and Flamenco/Spanish Guitar chords. The top staff shows the scale in treble clef. The bottom staff shows the fretboard with fingerings: 2-3-1-2-0-1-3-0. To the right, two chord diagrams are shown for E and F, with their respective fretboard fingerings: E (0-0-1-2-2-0) and F (0-0-2-3-0).

Malaguena

Musical notation for the Malaguena. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with dynamic markings (p, m) and slurs. The bottom staff shows the corresponding guitar fretboard with fingerings: 2-1-0-0-0-0 | 1-0-0-0-1-0 | 0-0-0-0-0-0 | 2-1-3-2.

ANDALUSIAN CADENCE

Am

G

F

E

Musical notation for the Andalusian Cadence. The top staff shows four chord diagrams for Am, G, F, and E. The bottom staff shows the corresponding guitar fretboard with fingerings: Am (5-5-7-7-5), G (3-3-4-5-3), F (1-1-2-3-3-1), and E (0-0-1-2-2-0).

Hells Bells

String Skipping Arpeggios

Musical notation for the Hells Bells String Skipping Arpeggios. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with slurs. The bottom staff shows the corresponding guitar fretboard with fingerings: 9-7-7-5 | (5)-5-7-7-0-0 | 9-7-7-5 | (5)-5-7-0-3-2-0.

Gallop Picking

P.M. -----

TAB

0 0

Barracuda by "Heart"

P.M. -----

TAB

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 (5) (3)

A Harmonic Minor Scale **Neoclassical Cadence**

Neoclassical Scale Am Dm Am E Am

TAB

5 7 8 5 7 8 6 7 9 5 7 9 6 9 10 1 3 1 0 1 2 2 0 2 1 2 0 2 0

Neoclassical Arpeggios

Am Dm Am E Am

TAB

5 7 8 7 7 9 10 9 5 7 8 7 7 9 10 9 0 4 5 7 7 8 7 4 5

JAZZ CHORDS (Autumn Leaves)

Am7 D7 Gmaj7 Cmaj7 F#° B7 Em7

TAB

5 5 5 X 5 7 5 7 5 3 4 4 X 3 5 4 5 3 1 2 2 X 2 4 2 4 2 8 7 9 7

Jazz Walking Bass Line

Am7 D7 Gmaj7 Cmaj7 F#m7b5 B7

Musical notation for a jazz walking bass line. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature: 5-7-8-7 | 5-7-9-7 | 3-5-7-5 | 3-5-7-5 | 2-3-5-3 | 2-3-6-9.

BOSSA NOVA

Girl From Ipanema

Fmaj7 G7

Musical notation for the Bossa Nova piece 'Girl From Ipanema'. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature: 1-1-1 | 1-1-1 | 3-3-3 | 3-3-3.

Gm7 F#7 Fmaj7 F#7b5

Musical notation for the continuation of the Bossa Nova piece. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature: 3-3-3 | 2-2-2 | 1-1-1 | 1-1-1.

Outlining The Andalusian Cadence

Am G F E

Musical notation for 'Outlining The Andalusian Cadence'. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature: 5-8-7 | 5-5-7 | 8-7-8 | 7.

Octave Pattern (Lead Secret)

Am G F E

Musical notation for 'Octave Pattern (Lead Secret)'. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature: 5-7-8-7 | 7-9-10-9 | 3-5-7-5 | 1-3-5-3 | 0.

Sweep Picking

Am G

Musical notation for 'Sweep Picking'. The top staff shows a melodic line in treble clef with notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature: 10-8-12-8-0 | 10-8-12-8-0 | 10-8-12-8-0 | 10-8-12-8-0 | 8-7-10-7-0 | 8-7-10-7-0 | 8-7-10-7-0 | 8-7-10-7-0.

F E#

5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

6 5 8 5 0 6 5 8 5 0 6 5 8 5 0 6 5 8 5 0 | 5 4 7 4 0 5 4 7 4 0 5 4 7 4 0 5 4 7 4 0 | 5

Finger Tapping

Am G

T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T

12-15-19-0 12-15-19-0 12-15-19-0 12-15-19-0 | 10-14-17-0 10-14-17-0 10-14-17-0 10-14-17-0

F E

T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T

8-12-15-0 8-12-15-0 8-12-15-0 8-12-15-0 | 7-11-14-0 7-11-14-0 7-11-14-0 7-11-14-0 | 5

Alternate Picking

Am G

V V V V V V V V V V V V V V V V

12-14-15 12-14-15-14-12 15-14-12-14-15 12-14-15 | 10-12-14 10-12-14-12-10 14-12-10-12-14 10-12-14

F E

8-10-12 9-10-12-10-9 12-10-8-10-12 9-10-12 | 7-8-10 7-9-10-9-7 10-8-7-8-10 7-9-10 | 7

Hybrid Picking/Legato

Dm

m m

0 0 5 8 7-10-7 8 5 8 5 0 8 12 8 0 | 0 0 5 8 7-10-7 8 5 8 5 0 8 12 8 0

E

TAB
0 0 7 11 7 9 7 11 7 11 7 0 11 14 11 0 0 0 7 11 7 9 7 11 7 11 7 0 11 14 11 0

E_b

TAB
0 0 6 10 7 8 7 10 6 10 6 0 10 13 10 0 0 0 6 10 7 8 7 10 6 10 6 0 10 13 10 0

D_m

TAB
0 0 5 8 7 10 7 8 5 8 5 0 8 12 8 0 0 0 5 8 7 10 7 8 5 8 5 0 8 12 8 0

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

TAB
1 1 3 3 5 5 3 1 1 0 0 3 3 1

Harmonizing A Melody

C G F G

TAB
1 0 2 3 3 0 0 3 5 5 1 3 0 0 0 3

F C G/B C

TAB
1 1 2 1 0 1 0 3 3 0 0 2 1 0 0 3

How To Harmonize Like Iron Maiden

3rds

6ths

TAB 2 4 5 7 9 0 2 4 5 7 9 1 3 5 7 8 2 4 5 7 9

Counterpoint

Inversion

Prime

TAB 2 4 5 4 2 5 3 5

Retrograde

Retrograde Inversion

TAB 4 5 4 2 4 2 4 5

Prime + Inversion

Prime + Inversion + Retrograde Inversion

Contrary Motion

TAB 0 3 1 3 2 0 2 3 2 4 5 4 2 0 0 3 0 3 2

Step #1 Pedal Tone

RIFF TUTORIAL

TAB 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Step #2 Melody

TAB 7 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Step #3 Chords

Musical notation for Step #3 Chords, showing a four-measure sequence of chords with guitar TAB below. The chords are: Em (9, 7), D (7, 5), C (5, 3), and B (4, 2). Each measure includes a P.M. (pick) symbol.

E Minor Scale

Musical notation for E Minor Scale, showing a two-measure sequence with guitar TAB below. The notes are: E (7), F# (9), G (10), A (7), B (9), C (10), D (11), E (8), F# (10), G (12), A (8), B (10), C (12).

Em

D

C

B

Musical notation for Em, D, C, and B chords with guitar TAB below. The TAB for Em is (0, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0), for D is (2, 3, 2, 0), for C is (0, 1, 0, 2, 3), and for B is (4, 4, 4, 2).

THE C WORD -Counterpoint

Contrary Motion

Musical notation for THE C WORD -Counterpoint, showing a four-measure sequence of chords with guitar TAB below. The chords are: Em (9, 7), D (12, 9), C (10, 10), and B (13, 9). Each measure includes a P.M. (pick) symbol.