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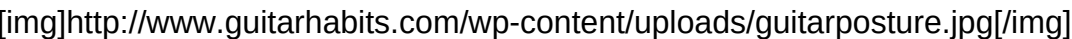
Thread: [LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR \(tutorial\)](#)

Obimoto - January 4, 2015, 3:22 am

HOW TO HOLD THE GUITAR AND PICK

You want to hold the guitar comfortably, and a lot of it is preference...

However, if you look like this:

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you should be good...

To hold the pick you want to place it like this:

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[img]http://www.justinguitar.com/images/BC_images/01_Basics%20and%20boxes/Pickhold1.jpg[/img]
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[img]http://www.justinguitar.com/images/BC_images/01_Basics%20and%20boxes/Pickhold2.jpg[/img]
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Again, it is personal preference...

STRINGS ON THE GUITAR & NOTES

Strings on the guitar go as follows:

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[img]http://www.guitarstringreviews.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/guitar-string-notes.jpg[/img]

Notes on the fretboard:

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Unless you intend on learning how to read sheet music, you really just need to know the numbers associated with the strings (left side in the picture) for reading tabs...

TIMING

If you want to learn about timing, there are many places to look

<http://www.kendavies.net/readmusic/rhythm.html> is a simple one...

Just know 4/4 timing is the norm, and sounds like:

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STRUMMING PATTERNS

We will be using 4/4 timing...

This can be represented as:

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

Numbers representing a down beat, &'s representing an upbeat...

A simple strumming pattern would be: D DU UDU

D - down

U - up

Remember, this pattern can be done by continuing to move your hand up and down, while not hitting the strings during the specified rests ("-") in the example)...

So:

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

D - D U - U D U

Remember to BE FLUID with your strumming...

Practice this strumming pattern until you're comfortable and continue to learn more...

Covering songs, and copying popular covers will aid you in learning strumming patterns...

Here is a very good video that can teach you common strumming patterns:

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CHORDS

When looking at fingering refer to this chart:

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[img]http://followingtherules.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/guitar-finger-numbers.gif[/img]

Em

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E

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A

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[img]http://www.justinguitar.com/images/BC_images/112-A-chord-normal.gif[/img]

Can also "bar" with index finger, while muting the high e string.

Am

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C

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F (cheat)

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[img]http://www.justinguitar.com/images/BC_images/161-F-chord-no65.gif[/img]

You can choose to mute the high e instead of "barring."

G

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[img]http://www.justinguitar.com/images/BC_images/131-G-chord-std.gif[/img]

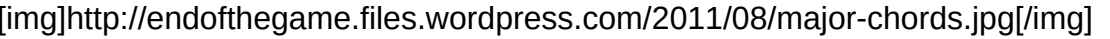
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Remember, fingering isn't everything! Switch it up! The Em is often used with fingers 1&2...

Later, be sure to look into bar chords!

Here is a chart for common chord progressions:

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TIPS:

You want to learn your strumming patterns and basic chords...

Try practicing strumming while muting strings with other hand...

You want to be able to switch chords with ease...

Don't forget to take your time!

Also, if you keep messing up the same way, TAKE A BREAK...

Muscle memory is a bitch, and you will learn how to do it wrong...

After, things to look into:

1. [Reading guitar tabs](#)

2. [Bar chords](#)

3. Drop D (DADGBE) songs and open G (DGDGBD)(often used for a [slide guitar](#)) songs

Oh yeah, and [capos](#) are great...

IF I AM FORGETTING ANYTHING OR YOU THINK INFORMATION SHOULD BE ADDED, FEEL FREE TO COMMENT!!!

adampelletgun - January 4, 2015, 3:23 am

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Obimoto - January 4, 2015, 3:25 am

(Jan 4, 2015 04:23 AM)adampelletgun Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Seems like this method is patched :/
Son of a bitch...

It worked just a minute ago!

EmailDatabase2015 - January 4, 2015, 4:45 am

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tinkiman - January 4, 2015, 7:57 am

I just bought a guitar...let's rock and roll ;)

s1nner - January 4, 2015, 7:58 am

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xandyahx - January 4, 2015, 5:18 pm

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Petal - January 5, 2015, 5:36 pm

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Obimoto - January 7, 2015, 9:16 pm

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Thanks for the good comments! Good luck with the guitar! XD

(Jan 4, 2015 06:18 PM)xandyahx Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) If I didn't stop playing guitar, I would probably be using this method but life goes on.
Never too late to pick it back up!

Threat? - January 7, 2015, 9:20 pm

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Obimoto - January 8, 2015, 3:56 pm

(Jan 7, 2015 10:20 PM)Threat? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ew jazz picks gtfo, lol jk nice tutorial OP.
Lol not my hands! I don't enjoy jazz picks either...

My preferred pick:

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