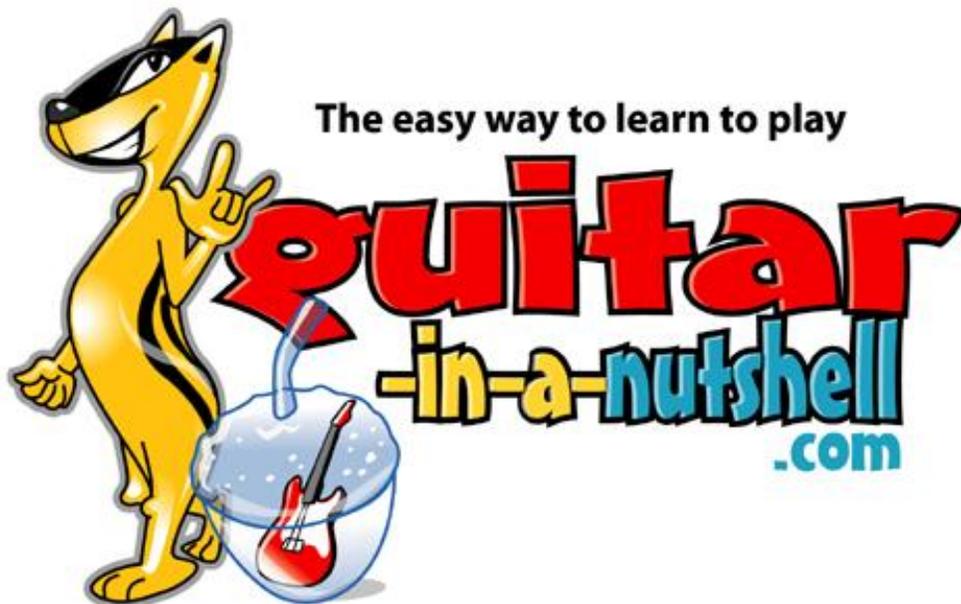


Guitar Chords

A Series Of Video Lessons From Guitar in
a Nutshell



A beginner's guide full of helpful tips and advice about guitar chords. Refer to the video lessons for more information.

My Complete Guide To Acoustic Guitar Chords For Beginners

In this section I'm going to teach you all the 'must know' things when it comes to acoustic guitar chords... *and I think you'll find much of what I reveal quite surprising!*

While it's true that there are literally tens of thousands of guitar chords (and yes, some guitarists really do know all of them) you only need a select handful of them to get going.

It's Absolutely True That You Can Play 1000's Of Popular Songs With Just 10 Beginner Chords

One of the first things I'll be showing you in this module is my collection of 10 hand selected, most essential guitar chords. These are what every guitarist should learn to master first.

I'll also show you how to get all your chords sounding clear and full when you strum them, just like the professionals.

Watch The Video > [The 10 Essential Chords You MUST Know](#)

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The 10 Essential Guitar Chords You MUST Know!

Watch this 3 minute video to learn my Top 10 "must know" guitar chords.



The chords listed in the video will give you everything you need to be able to play in 2 complete keys - the key of C and the key of G... [more on keys in this lesson](#).

If there are any chords here which you don't know how to do you can watch a more detailed video lesson on how to form each one of them here.

Just Because You Know How To Form A Chord Doesn't Automatically Mean That It's Going To Sound Good When You Play It!

On the next page I'll walk you through the 3 most common reasons why your chords may not be sounding as good as they should. I refer to this as "chord quality". It's very important that after you learn the shapes you put some attention into how well each one of them sounds when you actually play it.

Continue > [How To Get Perfect Sounding Guitar Chords \(NO BUZZING\)](#)

How To Get Perfect Sounding Guitar Chords

In this 4 minute video you'll learn the 3 most common reasons why your chords don't sound as good as they should do and how to fix them.



Once you've learned the [basic open shapes](#) the next step is to make sure that whenever you play a chord it sounds full and clear. It's not enough to simply put your fingers on the right strings and frets... there's a lot more to it than that!

All kinds of strange noises, or no noise at all, can happen when you're first getting to grips with guitar chords but the advice I'll give here will solve 99% of those problems... along with a little practice of course!

After Watching The Video Go Through And Check Each One Of Your Chords String By String...

Make a list of any which aren't working and use the 3 rules I give you to correct them. You're playing will instantly sound much better as a result.

On the next page I'll show you how all these seemingly random chords can actually be put together so they make perfect musical sense.

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What Chords Go Well Together? How Are They Grouped Into Keys?

This video will show you how to take all these random chords we've been going through and organize them into a perfect little musical family.



In order for guitar chords to really make "musical sense" you need to understand how they are grouped together into keys. A key is a collection of 7 chords where everything sounds good together and harmonious, it forms a kind of musical circle.

When you start to put the chords you know into a solid and logical framework music is going to start making a lot more sense. In short, it will remove a lot of the mystery about how all this stuff works.

The first 2 keys you should learn are C major and G major, if you're wondering what chords go well together then this information is going to be enlightening for you!

All Songs Are Written Inside Of A Chosen Key. There Are 24 Of Them To Choose From And Each One Contains A Total Of 7 Chords

It's not necessary to use all the chords contained in a key, in fact, many of the most well known hit songs contain only 3 or 4 chords the whole way through.

In the next section I'll show you what chords you'll come across most often in songs so if you're looking for a place to start to practice then these two groupings of chords would be ideal.

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What Guitar Chords Are Most Used In Songs?

Click the video below to find out the most commonly used chords in songs.



The last video gave you "the big picture" of how a fully functional key worked and all the chords it contains. Many of the biggest selling and most popular songs however never use all the available chords in a key. In fact, a lot them use only 3 or 4 chords the entire way through.

This short video will show you which chords are most frequently used in songs. If you're looking for a little shortcut on where to concentrate your practice first, this would be it.

The #1 Problem Most Beginners Face Is Not Being Able To Change Chords Quickly Enough... Click Through To The Next Page For My Secret Solution!

Next I'm going to give away one of my best secrets... it's a simple technique which anyone can use to immediately improve how fast they're able to change from one chord to another.

Chord changing speed is a huge problem for many students but there are some things which you can do to make things significantly easier.

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How To Change Guitar Chords Faster

Check out this quick 4 minute video where I'll show you a great trick for improving how fast you can change between guitar chords



It's best to perform these exercises without strumming at first. After a few days of practice you'll find that your fingers develop their own independence with what musicians refer to as "finger memory". This is where your fingers will kind of 'think for themselves' and behave just as you have programmed them to.

Once you're comfortable with the 3 connectors demonstrated here try adding in some [strumming patterns](#) and put it altogether.

I've given you just a short sample in the video but in the main course I run through all of them. They are super important!

Next up... The Best Way To Find The Chords To Your Favorite Songs

I'm going to recommend a site or two which are very useful when it comes to researching the [chords for songs](#) you want to play but I also have a few words of warning and a STRONG SUGGESTION TOO!

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What's The Best Way To Find The Guitar Chords For A Song?

O.K so you have a song which you really want to learn but what's the best way to find the chords to play it?

Here's What Most People Do

Most people tend to visit a giant tab site like ultimate-guitar.com and simply search for the song title or artist there. It's actually not a bad resource and I've even used it myself from time to time.

Here's My Word Of Warning However...

Many of the songsheets and tabs you'll see uploaded on these types of sites are user generated meaning that they are uploaded by other users and are often full of mistakes. Conservatively I would say that over 80% of the songsheets I see online have mistakes which I need to correct myself before using them!

The Solution

If you really want to develop as a guitarist the ideal thing would be to play the recording and try to figure out the chords for yourself but I know that many of you are not quite ready for that yet so instead you can combine the best of both worlds.

Go to a tab site, search for the song title and download the chord sheet. You can use this as your base. Play the original song (you can do this for free using YouTube.com) and check each chord for its accuracy just doing a single strum on each new chord.

When you find a mistake, highlight the chord and try to find the correct one to replace it with. It's actually not that hard assuming you [know what key the song is in](#). This is usually obvious as most songs start and end on the chord which is the key they're in.

For example, if a song starts and ends on a G chord then there's a pretty good chance it's based in the key of G.

Once you know the key you'll automatically know which chords you have to choose from. By trial and error you can find the correct chord.

The "Key" Is To Know Your Keys!

Assuming you've been through my guitar course you'll already know your keys and how to use them so it shouldn't be too tough to do this. Plus, the more you [practice](#) doing this the better you'll get.

With some time you'll find that you can learn the chords to practically any song completely on your own. In fact, that should be your main goal starting from right now. The more independence you can develop the less you'll have to rely on others to teach you .

Continue > [What Chords Are Good For Country Songs?](#)

What Chords Are Good For Country Songs?

The video below is just 2 1/2 minutes but that's all I need to show you the most popular groups of chords used for Country guitar!



[Classic country songs](#) are the perfect examples of just how much you can do with only 3 chords. By learning the 4 groups of 3 chords (if that makes sense) I'll show you it's possible to play 100's of great songs from this timeless genre of music.

Now, as you'll see in the video the real magic happens when you take these simple sets of chords and add a custom 'country strum' pattern. The effect is instant and sounds just great.

You can learn [how to perform a classic country strum](#) here.

Once You Have The Chord Sets & The Strumming Pattern Down The Next Thing To Introduce Are The Bass Runs And Fill Lines

That's really a huge topic, so huge in fact that I made an entire other guitar course about it. You can find out about my [country guitar course](#) here.

But... hold on yet as we're not done with chords. Click through to the next page and I'll give you 3 excellent chord progressions to include in your practice time.

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3 All-Time Classic Chord Progressions

Here are 3 of the most useful (and most used!) chord progressions you can practice



The first 2 progressions on this video have been used by countless songs ever since the 1950's and are considered all-time classics. You'll find them used in lots of songs and some tunes may even have instantly popped into your head as I was playing them on the video.

Eventually you'll build up an entire library of progressions you can play and most of them will be directly related to [songs](#). As you can see from the video, it's possible to play any progression in a variety of different ways, it's just a matter of applying a different guitar technique or [strumming pattern](#) to them.

Are You Ready For Some Guitar Gymnastics?

Click through to the next page and we'll take our fingers to the "guitar gym". If you've never done this before you're in for a treat because performing these kinds of exercises are one of the secrets to improving really fast on guitar!

Continue > [Ever Heard Of Guitar Gymnastics? Try These Stretching Exercises For Chords](#)

Stretching Exercises For Chords

Do this exercise for 5 - 10 min a day to increase your dexterity and finger flexibility. Perfect for anyone with smallish hands!



Quite often I get emails from students on the site complaining that they have small hands and have trouble stretching their fingers to hold chord shapes.

The exercise I demonstrate here will go a long way to solving those kinds of problems for you. Simply do it for 5 - 10 minutes a day and after 1 - 2 weeks you should notice a big difference.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL! If Your Fingers Start To Hurt Doing This Exercise Then Stop And Come Back To It Later. It's Possible To Injure Your Hand If You Push To Hard.

There are lots of these kinds of guitar exercises which are well worth incorporating into your [practice sessions](#). They are one of the best kept secrets that guitar players who improve quickly would rather you didn't know about!

I put together a product which you can check out here - [My Top 10 Guitar Exercises](#). In it I reveal the exact same exercises I use in my own daily practice routines.

Continue > [How To Add Color And Spice Up "Boring" Chords](#)

How To Add Color And Spice Up "Boring" Chords

Watch as I perform a little magic trick in front of your eyes by taking a boring chord change and turning it into something with much more depth and meaning



You know, with a few simple changes it's possible to instantly transform many bland and boring [beginner guitar chords](#) into ones which have a lot more depth, mystery and emotional meaning.

The key is to learn different chord families and then apply those new colors into the progressions you already know. This is one of the best ways to escape out of 'beginners guitar' and elevate your playing to a more refined level

Adding Color To Chords Is One Of The Best Ways To Instantly Deepen How Good You Sound On Guitar

Most beginners start off by learning major and minor chords. As soon as you feel comfortable with them make sure you don't stop! Keep learning new families of chords such as

Add nine chords

Major 7 chords

Minor 7 chords

Dominant 7 chords

Diminished chords

All these are taught in the main course!

Now let's turn our attention to the other side of the coin... strumming. I'm going to show you all the essential strumming patterns you should know and [how to make your strumming sound clean and professional](#).

NEXT... LET'S GET INTO THE OTHER SIDE OF THINGS – STRUMMING!

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