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Getting Started



I find it best to use Amplitube for this - simply go to the Amplitube document to find out how to set this up.

Play with your fingertips - not your pads.

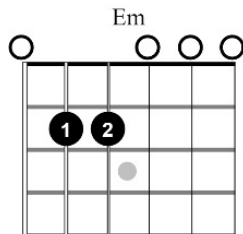
Keep your thumb on the back - and keep your palm away from the neck.

Each new chord - play each individual string - make sure it rings out - if you get a thudding sound - ensure your fingers are positioned correctly

Em and Asus2

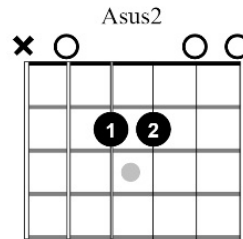
The E Minor Chord

Lesson 1: Demonstration



The Asus2 Chord

Lesson 2: Demonstration



Simply down stroke strum - every beat

Quarter Notes

Em

Asus2

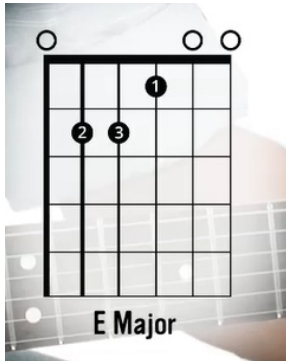
Down then up on the third beat

Eighth Note Strum

Em

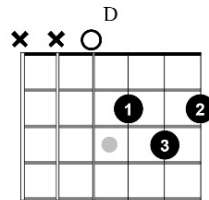
Asus2

E, D and A



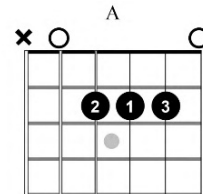
The D Chord

Lesson 7: Demonstration



The A Chord

Lesson 6: Demonstration



When switching between chords - try to find out which is the anchor finger - this is the finger which does not change string - it might change fret. This will allow you to change chords easily - even without looking. Try to move your fingers as little as possible.

For this chord sequence - the anchor finger is (1) - It stays on the same string - but it does move from fret 1 to fret 2

Quarter Notes

E

A

D

A

4x

Strumming



When strumming the key is to keep your strumming hand moving all the time at the same pace.

The strumming rhythm is picked from when and where to strum.

You can strum on the down stroke only, or the up stroke only or both. You can vary this also - but not too much - it needs to be constant.

So no matter what strumming pattern you pick - your hand moves at the same pace - like a metronome, you just chose to strum the strings when you need to.

Song 1 & 2

Song 1: Crazy Thing

2 slow down strokes, 2 quick down strokes and repeat

Anchor finger (1)

Learning to Play Songs

Lesson 10: Song 1

Crazy Thing

mf

13x

Song 2: Glorious Gal

E, down, down, up, D down, A down

It's a quick shift from D to A

Anchor finger (1)

Glorious Gal

♩ = 115

0:07

Song 3 + 4

Song 3: Louie Louie

Add your text here

Louie Times Two

Chord diagrams: A, D, Em, D, A

mf

15x

TAB

Song 4: Rocking America

No rests - so you need to get the chord changes down really quick

Rockin' America

Chord diagrams: E, A, D, A, E

mf

22x

TAB

Song 5

Song 5: The Things I Like

Here we have a slight change in strumming pattern. There are two bars of pattern A and two bars of pattern B. They are identical except that pattern A has two beats on the D chord, where as pattern B has a beat and a half - so you move to the A half a beat earlier.

The Things I Like

♩ = 150

The musical score for "The Things I Like" is presented in two systems. The first system contains four measures with chords E, A, D, and A. The second system contains five measures with chords E, A, D, A, and E. Each measure includes a guitar chord diagram and a corresponding strumming pattern on a bass staff. A red dashed line connects the end of the first system's A measure to the start of the second system's A measure, indicating a half-beat shift. A vertical orange line is placed between the first and second systems. The final measure of the second system is marked "11x".