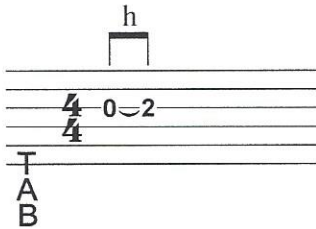


Hammer-Ons

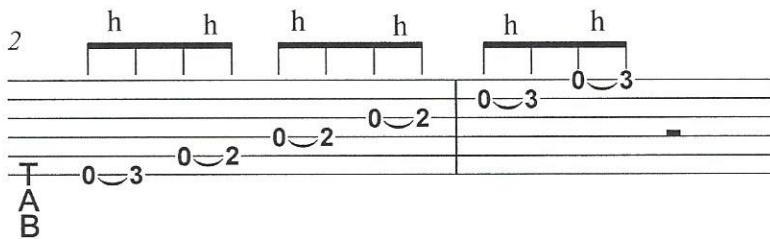
Hammer-ons are a very common left hand techniques. They are another way of dressing up or, "ornamenting" notes.

They are notated like this:

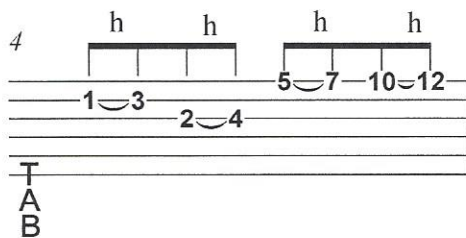


h = hammer-on

Here is how you do it. Let's start with the hammer-on above. Play the open third string, and then quickly and aggressively slam your middle finger down just behind the second fret. You'll have to do this a little harder than you think is necessary. The second note should be just as loud as the first, or almost as loud. Keep trying this until you can hear the second note clearly.



You can do hammer-ons on any string and to any fret.



You can do hammer-ons from open strings, or from fret to fret.

Here's an exercise for you.

