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Improvising with licks

In this final lesson of the unit, we look at how to take the core ideas and add your own flavour to them. We run through a variety of ideas, but here are the top things to remember:

Top tips

🔥 Lay down the main groove first, and get a good feel for it before trying to add any licks. The licks come second. This means working through the basic chords in section A and B with the backing track before doing anything else.

🔥 Once you have a solid rhythm foundation, try adding one or two licks, quite sparsely to the track. Don't overdo it at this point, we want to keep the rhythm grounded. It's also a chance to see how sometimes playing less is in fact more effective.

🔥 As you get more confident, you can start to explore more licks in more places, and before you know it, you're starting to sound like Hendrix!

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Now we're really going to start diving into the theory behind Hendrix's chord playing. There are two elements we need to establish, the first is what scales you use with which chords, and the second is giving you some cool licks

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Finally, above all else, remember that this is a rhythm part! Don't fly off with an across the neck lead part in the space of 2 beats... Keep it simple, but keep it rhythmical.

There we have it! You now have an awesome track and some great concepts to work with. Learning to play like this is a true journey that will take time, so keep this track close to your practice schedule for the next few months to really let it sink in!

Struggling with CAGED?

There is a lot of CAGED work in this course, and if you haven't learnt CAGED properly, then I would recommend taking some time to do that after this course. Check out our CAGED courses on the site for more!



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