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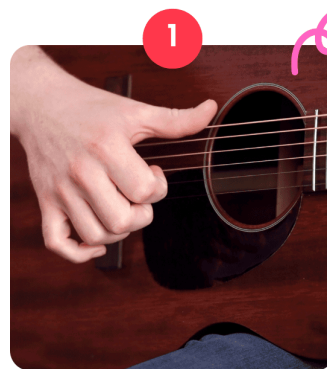
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## The Slap

Our first task is to get the slap technique up and running! This is a pretty simple concept but will take some serious getting used to. First up, let's take a look at the two ways to slap on the guitar...



### the thumb slap

The first method is to use your straight thumb to attack the lower strings. You need to make solid contact & keep it there to avoid string noise. Try this one first.



### the hand slap

The other option is using your fingers to slap the rest of the strings. This isn't as "thuddy" a sound, but it still does the job when you can't do the other technique.

The final thing to remember is that we want to make sure the slap is always on the 2nd and 4th beats, like this:

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We're going to take another big step up in this unit, by introducing percussion to our fingerstyle practice. We often call this technique "the slap", as we add a literal hit to the guitar strings on the 2nd and 4th beat of the bar.

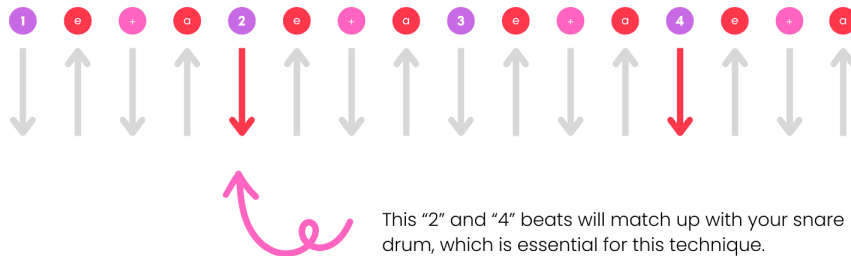
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