Dual wielding DnD 5e Quickref

1 Basic rules (PHB p.195)

- You must hold a light melee weapon in each hand
- You must take the Attack action with one of those to attack with the other
- The second attack uses your bonus action
- You don't add your ability modifier to the damage of the bonus attack, unless that modifier is negative
- If either weapon has the thrown property, you can throw it instead of making a melee attack with it
- Both attacks can target a different target and you can move between the attacks

2 Broken down

- 1. Hold a light melee weapon in each hand
- 2. Take the Attack action with one of the weapons
 - Attack roll: 1d20 + prof + STR (finesse: DEX)
 - Damage roll: damage die + STR (finesse: DEX)
- 3. Take the Attack bonus action with the other weapon
 - Attack roll: 1d20 + prof + STR (finesse: DEX)
 - Damage roll: damage die (no modifiers)

3 Some notes

- When a feature (ex. extra attack) activates when you use your Action to attack, it does not activate on your bonus action attack
- Features that activate 'on a hit' without explicitly requiring the Action (ex. sneak attack) can activate on your bonus action attack
- The 'Two weapon fighting' style allows you to add your ability modifier to the damage roll of the bonus attack
- You have the Bonus action required to make this bonus attack as long as you have a light melee weapon in each hand
- Using this rule one can make 3 attacks per round, without any other features
 - 1. On your turn using your Action
 - 2. On your turn using your Bonus action
 - 3. On another creature's turn as an Opportunity Attack using your Reaction