

Great! Below is the full content formatted for a printable handout and a separate practice sheet. You can copy each section into a Word document, Google Docs, or any text editor, then save or export it as a PDF.



Rock & Blues Chord Progressions - Guitar Handout

1. 12-Bar Blues (I–IV–V) in E

Chords:

E7 (0 2 0 1 0 0), A7 (X 0 2 0 2 0), B7 (X 2 1 2 0 2)

Example Songs:

- Hound Dog – Elvis Presley
 - Tush – ZZ Top
 - Rock and Roll – Led Zeppelin
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2. I–IV–V–IV in C

Chords:

C (X 3 2 0 1 0), F (1 3 3 2 1 1), G (3 2 0 0 0 3)

Example Songs:

- La Bamba – Ritchie Valens
 - Twist and Shout – The Beatles
 - Louie Louie – The Kingsmen
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3. I– \flat VII–IV in A

Chords:

A (X 0 2 2 2 0), G (3 2 0 0 0 3), D (X X 0 2 3 2)

Example Songs:

- Gloria – Them
 - What I Like About You – The Romantics
 - Franklin's Tower – Grateful Dead
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4. I–V–vi–IV in C

Chords:

C (X 3 2 0 1 0), G (3 2 0 0 0 3), Am (X 0 2 2 1 0), F (1 3 3 2 1 1)

Example Songs:

- With or Without You – U2
 - Let It Be – The Beatles
 - No Woman, No Cry – Bob Marley
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5. I–vi–IV–V in C

Chords:

C (X 3 2 0 1 0), Am (X 0 2 2 1 0), F (1 3 3 2 1 1), G (3 2 0 0 0 3)

Example Songs:

- Stand by Me – Ben E. King
 - Earth Angel – The Penguins
 - Duke of Earl – Gene Chandler
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6. I–IV–V–I in G

Chords:

G (3 2 0 0 0 3), C (X 3 2 0 1 0), D (X X 0 2 3 2)

Example Songs:

- Wild Thing – The Troggs
 - Sweet Home Alabama – Lynyrd Skynyrd
 - Brown Eyed Girl – Van Morrison
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7. I–IV–I–V in E

Chords:

E (0 2 2 1 0 0), A (X 0 2 2 2 0), B (X 2 4 4 4 2)

Example Songs:

- Blue Suede Shoes – Elvis Presley
 - Johnny B. Goode – Chuck Berry
 - That'll Be the Day – Buddy Holly
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8. I– \flat VII– \flat VI– \flat VII in E

Chords:

E (0 2 2 1 0 0), D (X X 0 2 3 2), C (X 3 2 0 1 0)

Example Songs:

- All Along the Watchtower – Jimi Hendrix
 - Smells Like Teen Spirit – Nirvana
 - Stairway to Heaven – Led Zeppelin
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9. ii–V–I in C

Chords:

Dm (X X 0 2 3 1), G (3 2 0 0 0 3), C (X 3 2 0 1 0)

Example Songs:

- Autumn Leaves – Jazz Standard
- Blue Bossa – Kenny Dorham
- So What – Miles Davis

10. I–bIII–IV–I in E

Chords:

E (0 2 2 1 0 0), G (3 2 0 0 0 3), A (X 0 2 2 2 0)

Example Songs:

- Sunshine of Your Love – Cream
- You Really Got Me – The Kinks
- Smoke on the Water – Deep Purple



Chord Progressions Practice Sheet

Use this sheet to write down, play, and explore the shapes and sounds of each chord progression.

Certainly! Here's a comprehensive guide to 10 essential chord progressions commonly used in rock and blues music, tailored for standard guitar tuning (EADGBE). Each progression includes:

- **Formal Name**
- **Chord Progression**
- **Chord Chart**
- **Example Songs**
- **Tutorial Resources**

1. 12-Bar Blues (I–IV–V)

- **Progression:** E7 – A7 – B7
- **Chord Chart:**
 - E7: 0 2 0 1 0 0
 - A7: X 0 2 0 2 0
 - B7: X 2 1 2 0 2
- **Example Songs:**
 - "Pride and Joy" – Stevie Ray Vaughan
 - "Hound Dog" – Elvis Presley
 - "Tush" – ZZ Top
- **Tutorial Resources:**
 - [JustinGuitar – 12 Bar Blues Progressions](#)
 - [GuitarLessons.com – The 12-Bar Blues Progression](#)

2. I–bVII–IV Progression

- **Progression:** E – D – A
 - **Chord Chart:**
 - E: 0 2 2 1 0 0
 - D: X X 0 2 3 2
 - A: X 0 2 2 2 0
 - **Example Songs:**
 - "Gloria" – Them (Van Morrison)
 - "Fire on the Mountain" – Grateful Dead
 - "What I Like About You" – The Romantics
 - **Tutorial Resource:**
 - [Jeffrey Pepper Rodgers – Blues/Rock Chord Changes](#)
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3. Minor Blues (i–iv–V)

- **Progression:** Em – Am – B7
 - **Chord Chart:**
 - Em: 0 2 2 0 0 0
 - Am: X 0 2 2 1 0
 - B7: X 2 1 2 0 2
 - **Example Songs:**
 - "Since I've Been Loving You" – Led Zeppelin
 - "Black Magic Woman" – Santana
 - "The Thrill Is Gone" – B.B. King
 - **Tutorial Resource:**
 - [Reddit – Variations on the 12-Bar Blues](#)
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4. I–IV–V–IV Progression

- **Progression:** E – A – B – A
 - **Chord Chart:**
 - E: 0 2 2 1 0 0
 - A: X 0 2 2 2 0
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- B: X 2 4 4 4 2

- **Example Songs:**

- "La Bamba" – Ritchie Valens
- "Twist and Shout" – The Beatles
- "Wild Thing" – The Troggs

- **Tutorial Resource:**

- [GuitarLessons.com – The 12-Bar Blues Progression](#)
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5. I–bIII–IV–I Progression

- **Progression:** E – G – A – E

- **Chord Chart:**

- E: 0 2 2 1 0 0
- G: 3 2 0 0 0 3
- A: X 0 2 2 2 0

- **Example Songs:**

- "You Really Got Me" – The Kinks
- "All Day and All of the Night" – The Kinks
- "I Wanna Be Sedated" – The Ramones

- **Tutorial Resource:**

- [Reddit – Blues Chord Progressions](#)
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6. I–IV–I–V Progression

- **Progression:** E – A – E – B

- **Chord Chart:**

- E: 0 2 2 1 0 0
- A: X 0 2 2 2 0
- B: X 2 4 4 4 2

- **Example Songs:**

- "Johnny B. Goode" – Chuck Berry
- "Roll Over Beethoven" – Chuck Berry
- "Rock and Roll Music" – Chuck Berry

- **Tutorial Resource:**

- [GuitarLessons.com – The 12-Bar Blues Progression](#)
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7. I–IV–V–I Progression

- **Progression:** E – A – B – E
 - **Chord Chart:**
 - E: 0 2 2 1 0 0
 - A: X 0 2 2 2 0
 - B: X 2 4 4 4 2
 - **Example Songs:**
 - "Sweet Home Chicago" – Robert Johnson
 - "Crossroads" – Cream
 - "Boom Boom" – John Lee Hooker
 - **Tutorial Resource:**
 - [GuitarLessons.com – The 12-Bar Blues Progression](https://guitarlessons.com/the-12-bar-blues-progression/)
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8. I–bVII–IV–I Progression

- **Progression:** E – D – A – E
 - **Chord Chart:**
 - E: 0 2 2 1 0 0
 - D: X X 0 2 3 2
 - A: X 0 2 2 2 0
 - **Example Songs:**
 - "Sweet Child O' Mine" – Guns N' Roses
 - "Smells Like Teen Spirit" – Nirvana
 - "All the Small Things" – Blink-182
 - **Tutorial Resource:**
 - [Jeffrey Pepper Rodgers – Blues/Rock Chord Changes](https://jeffreypepperrogers.com/blues-rock-chord-changes/)
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9. I–vi–IV–V Progression

- **Progression:** E – C#m – A – B
- **Chord Chart:**
 - E: 0 2 2 1 0 0
 - C#m: X 4 6 6 5 4
 - A: X 0 2 2 2 0

- B: X 2 4 4 4 2

- **Example Songs:**

- "Stand by Me" – Ben E. King
- "Every Breath You Take" – The Police
- "Let It Be" – The Beatles

- **Tutorial Resource:**

- [GuitarLessons.com – The 12-Bar Blues Progression](https://www.guitarlessons.com/the-12-bar-blues-progression)
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10. I–V–vi–IV Progression

- **Progression:** E – B – C#m – A

- **Chord Chart:**

- E: 0 2 2 1 0 0
- B: X 2 4 4 4 2
- C#m: X 4 6 6 5 4
- A: X 0 2 2 2 0

- **Example Songs:**

- "With or Without You" – U2
- "No Woman No Cry" – Bob Marley
- "Let Her Go" – Passenger

- **Tutorial Resource:**

- [GuitarLessons.com – The 12-Bar Blues Progression](https://www.guitarlessons.com/the-12-bar-blues-progression)
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For a visual representation and practice, you can refer to the following video tutorials:

- [Songs Using the 12-Bar Blues Chord Progression](#)
 - [The MOST Famous Blues Guitar Chord Progressions](#)
 - [Ten Rock Songs to Master the 12 Bar Blues Riff Concept](#)
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If you would like this information compiled into a downloadable PDF with chord diagrams and clickable tutorial links, please let me know, and I will prepare it for you.