

Picking Pattern #3

Practice with G or Em chords

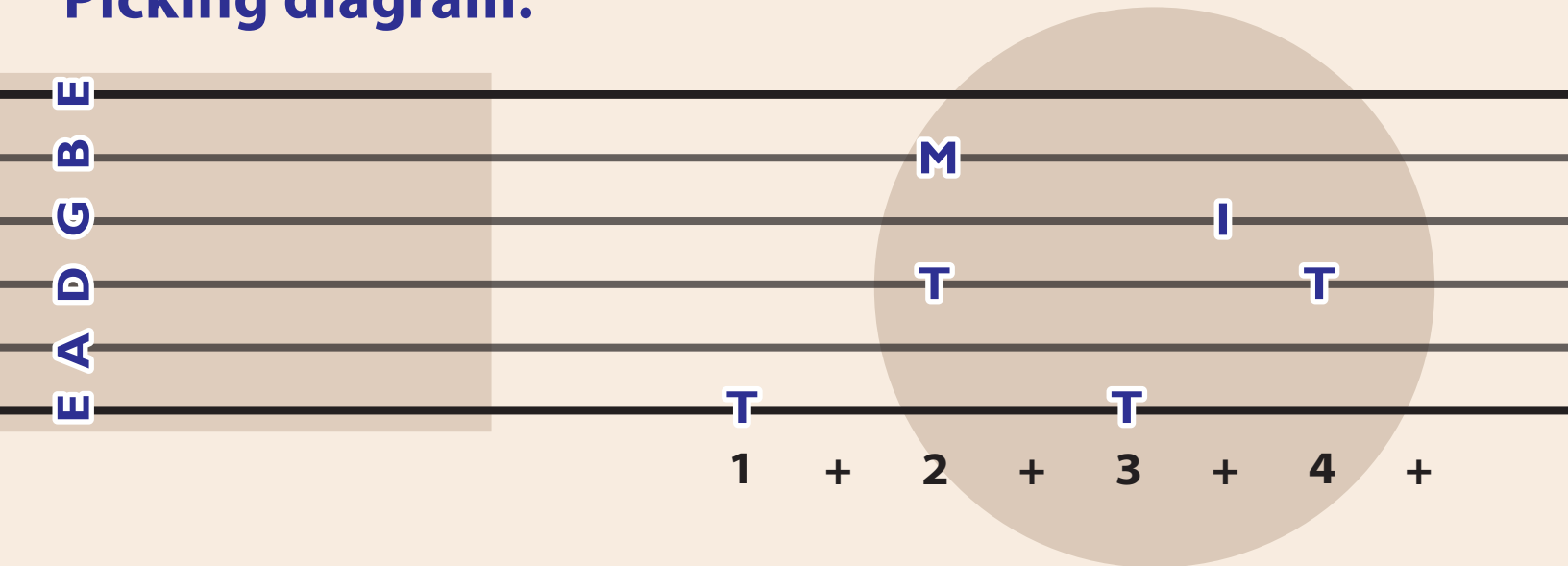
Key:

T = Thumb

M = Middle

I = Index

Picking diagram:



Text instructions:

- The thumb alternates between the E (6th) string and the D (4th) string.
- The index finger is in charge of the G (3rd) string.
- The middle finger is in charge of the B (2nd) string.

Step by step:

1. Thumb on low E
2. Thumb on D and middle on B
3. Thumb on low E
4. Index on G
5. Thumb on D

The numbers underneath the fretboard image are showing the rhythm.

If you read them out loud (“one and two and three and four and”) and line up the plucks with the number that they’re above, you will have the correct rhythm.

Notice that the only time a note is with an “and” is on the index finger pluck near the end. That’s because that one has to squeeze in between the last two thumb plucks and therefore has to be a little quicker.

Be sure that you can do it without the counting speeding up or slowing down!