Something New by Devin Humphrey

So, you wanted me to try something new? I went an purchased an acoustic guitar for $75, I’ve always wanted to learn how to play! When first picking up the guitar and pressing it up against my mid torso it felt awkward to say the least. The first thing I wanted to do is learn about the facts about the guitar and ultimately live in my factual box. I am going to be approaching this a bit different then the norm.

First of all, I am going to learn about songs that can be played by one string instead of learning the notes. I just want to be able to play a few riffs starting off and surprisingly while conducting my research there are 20 songs that you can play with one string, pretty cool if you ask me. 24 hours later, I have learned 2 songs, Seven Nation Army and Iron Man. Now keep in mind these songs that I have learned are just snippets of their originals. Basically, meaning I can play the major portions of the songs, but not necessary the whole thing.

Secondly, I learned about strumming and how you don’t necessarily need to learn all the facts about guitars before you can play one. Sometimes its about breaking out of that comfort zone and just have fun with it. Another 24 hours later my fingers are torched, and the wife is annoyed, this is great! I finally picked up some picks, when I purchased my guitar the pawn shop didn’t have any left. I was using plastic lid cutouts or just my fingers to strum.

While conducting research on this topic, I found out an abundance of knowledge can be gained by trying something new. YouTube has a lot of great examples of different styles of guitarist. There’s a guitarist that uses only one string, literally he has only one string on his guitar, pretty cool. He specializes in the blues, and then there’s one dude that does nothing but classical music. There are all sorts of tutorials on strumming, one string hits, 2 string hits, and anything in between you want to learn about guitars.

Well it’s been 8 hours or so and I’m finally getting some feeling back in the tips of my fingers. So, I decided to pick up the guitar and go back over the songs that I have successfully learned further strengthening my motor skills. Sometime shortly after that practice, I actually came up with a song that uses multiple strings, kind of sounds Spanish, not by design. The kids love it, there all dancing and acting crazy driving my wife insane, perfect!