

# Bluegrass banjo for the complete ignoramus book cd set

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**What type of banjo is best for bluegrass?** 5 string banjo is by far the most popular type of banjo and this is the type of banjo used in bluegrass music. 5 string banjos have 4 standard strings and then one short string. The 5th string (the short one) is used as a drone when playing bluegrass banjo rolls.

**What is the difference between old time banjo and bluegrass banjo?** Type of banjo — In old-time, it's typically an open-back model. Bluegrass banjo has a resonator and is louder. Solos — Everyone just plays the song straight on through in old-time, which rarely has individual solos.

**How hard is it to play bluegrass banjo?** The 5 string banjo is actually one of the easiest stringed instrument to get started playing, thanks to its open chord tuning. I routinely go to music festivals and am able to teach groups of people who have never played any musical instrument how to play the banjo in less than 5 minutes.

**What tuning is bluegrass banjo?** The most common banjo type is a 5 string banjo and has a standard tuning in open G - the notes from the 5th string to the 1st are G, D, G, B, D.

**How expensive is a decent banjo?** Banjos For Beginners For beginners or those on a tight budget, there are banjos that you'll find that cost \$200-\$450. These banjos are all made in Asia with substandard components and quality throughout. We highly recommend you reaching up to the \$499 level to get a Deering Goodtime banjo.

**Can you play bluegrass banjo without picks?** Playing without picks can be nice for slower songs and also if you are accompanying a singer who has a very soft

voice. When I'm joining in a jam session with people I don't know very well, I often play without picks for the first few songs, just to feel my way into the jam.

**What is the easiest type of banjo to learn?** The 5-string Banjo One of the strings, the fifth string, is shorter than the others and is attached to a tuning peg sticking out of the side of the neck. This is probably the easiest type of banjo for beginners to play.

**Do you play bluegrass with open or closed back banjo?** Sound – Resonator banjos are by far the preferred choice for bluegrass players, as the sound of the instrument is louder and twangier than the open-back banjo. When picked bluegrass-style with fingerpicks, the resonator banjo produces a very bright sound.

**Do banjos sound better with age?** Vintage banjos often sound better than newer models partially because in many cases they were built better but the science behind the composition of a piece of wood as a cellular network and how these cells age explains why even when a newer banjo is built well it will usually miss at least a piece of the magic that ...

**Is banjo harder than ukulele?** Starting with a ukulele is a good choice because of how easy it is to learn. A banjo is slightly easier to play than a ukulele because the strings are easier to push down and strum, thanks to being made of a thinner, lighter gauge wire.

**What is the easiest bluegrass instrument to learn to play?** Both fiddle and mandolin are extremely well suited for playing melody; their smaller size permits them to be tuned much 'simpler', making them the easiest instrument to play intuitively—in any key!

**Why do banjo players play so fast?** How can people play the banjo so fast? The secret is to play rolls. A roll is a repeating pattern of notes played with the right hand, if you are a right-handed player, and with the left hand, if you are a left-handed player.

**How high should the string be on a bluegrass banjo?** Banjo string height adjustment Normal string height on a banjo is 1/8" above the 12th fret and 9/64" above the 22nd fret, which is measured to the center of the string from the top of

each fret. If you need to adjust your banjo's action, you will need to adjust the 2 rim rods traversing the center of the rim.

**How many strings does a bluegrass banjo have?** 5 string banjos are the most common and are best suited for playing Bluegrass and Folk Music. Most string instruments are tuned from low to high as you move across the neck. The 5 string banjo has a drone string that starts in the middle of the neck, and is tuned higher than the other strings.

**What kind of banjo do you use for bluegrass?** A bluegrass banjo always has 5 string. In this context, this type of banjo needs to be louder and more present to compete with the mix of sounds it is playing with. The construction of the banjo is often heavier with more massive parts that add to the volume and sustain.

**Is a 4 or 5-string banjo better for beginners?** Banjos with 5 strings are the most popular instrument variant. They are the easiest to play if you want to create classic and unforgettable banjo melodies and rhythms. After all, these are the traditional and all-original banjos! Every banjo maker uses the 5-string build as their instrument standard.

**What size banjo is best for beginners?** The 5-string banjo is the most popular in relative terms due to its versatility and crossover with bluegrass and world folk. It is the easiest to learn to play as in most cases it is tuned to a 'G' chord.

**Are old banjos worth money?** Some collectibles become more "valuable" with age. Except for a few specific brand names and models, that is not true for banjos. But age does enter into it if you have someone looking, say, for a specific old-timey sound or look.

**What is the easiest banjo to play?** Most beginners are looking for a 5-string model so they'll need to decide if they want to play "clawhammer" on an openback 5-string banjo or bluegrass on a 5-string resonator banjo. Typically, beginner players are looking for an instrument at an entry-level price point. We recommend the Goodtime banjos by Deering.

**Is plastic or metal thumb pick better for banjo?** Most players use a thumbpick with a plastic pick on it to achieve the best tone. Almost all banjo players do. Some

guitarists do like the thumbpicks with a metal pick on it. A metal pick will give a brighter tone.

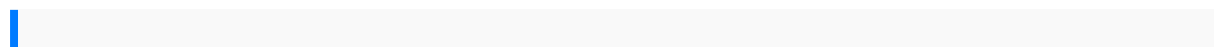
**Do you need to read music to play banjo?** No, there is very little “written music” for banjo. Anything that is written down for banjo is 99% of the time in something called tablature. Tablature is a very easy to read number system that works great for banjo.

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**Can you play bluegrass on a tenor banjo?** Yes, if you retune the tenor banjo to match the strings of the 5-string banjo, and if you use the 5-string picking tool (fingerpicks and fingernails), you get the sound which is non-recognisable (at least to untutored ears) from 5-string banjo sound – bluegrass or clawhammer.

**What banjo player's style defined the sound of bluegrass?** Earl Scruggs is generally considered to be the originator of this style of banjo playing. Despite the assumption that he singlehandedly “invented” bluegrass banjo, Scruggs had contemporaries who used a similar three-finger style approach.

**What banjo strings for bluegrass?** Nickel-plated Steel: A good clear, bright tone. This is the most common type, especially for bluegrass banjo. Stainless Steel: This type of string has very good resistance to corrosion and can last a bit longer than nickel plated steel.



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