

Guitar Encouragement - Find your own voice. Don't get discouraged if you can't play certain things.



It's easy to get discouraged when learning guitar. This video is designed to give you encouragement and let you know that it is OK if there are certain things you can't do. You just have to find your own voice.

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August 11, 2020 **Vlog 1**

How I write a new song each week creating guitar lesson material. (10 years now)



I am always getting asked how I write a song each week (lesson material) and so I thought I'd shoot a short video explaining my process for doing so, and offer a few tips that might help those of you that are interested in doing so.

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August 19, 2020..... **Vlog 2**

How to 'Noodle' on guitar and use it as a way to practice. Guitar practice tips.



In this video, I will talk through some guitar practice tips and show you how I use 'noodling' as a way of practicing.

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August 26, 2020..... **Vlog 3**

What should I play on guitar when someone asks to hear my play.



Ever had someone say to you "hey play something on guitar", and then totally freeze and forget everything you know. Well it happens to all of us. This video is designed to give you a few tips for what to do in that situation.

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September 3, 2020..... **Vlog 4**

Help me get a good sound from my guitar amp. Is it possible with cheap gear.



One question I get over and over again is, How can I make my amp sound good? In this video, I will demonstrate that it is possible to get a good bluesy tone out of a cheap solid state amp and I will show you how to dial it in.

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September 9, 2020..... **Vlog 5**

How to record your guitar and setup a home studio modest home studio. Record guitar on computer.



In this video I will show you how I set up my home studio that I use to record my guitar jam tracks each week. I will explain all of the software and hardware that I use and give you alternative options.

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September 17, 2020..... **Vlog 6**

Do you feel like you're making progress on guitar. Feeling stuck? This will help.



Learning to play guitar is hard work and at some point you are going to get stuck and feel like you're not getting anywhere. This short video should help with that.

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September 23, 2020..... **Vlog 7**

"Just play what you feel, man!" How do you do that on guitar



Do you ever ask someone how they do something on guitar and they respond with, "I just play what I feel". How does that actually work?. Can you really learn to just play what you feel.

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October 1, 2020..... **Vlog 8**

Denny Freeman, a guitar player you should check out.



From time to time I like to introduce you to guitar players that are awesome that you may not have heard about. This video focuses on Austin, Texas guitar player Denny Freeman who has played with everyone from Stevie Ray Vaughan to Bob Dylan.

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October 8, 2020..... **Vlog 9**

Are guitar players in decline? Are guitar heroes a dying breed? What is the future of guitar.



With the increasing amount of guitar gear that is on the market, who is buying it? Is it all of us older players? Is there a growth in new players coming into the guitar market? Curious what your thoughts are on this.

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October 13, 2020.

How do you actually USE licks? Use this simple formula



I got an email from a site member recently and he asked an interesting question, 'how do you actually use guitar licks. I thought that was great question and one that a lot of you might be asking, so I wanted to share a simple formula that I use to help you determine how to use licks.

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October 22, 2020.....Vlog 10

Trying to learn the Guitar Fretboard. Start Here! Memorize notes and chord shapes easily.



In this video, you will learn a quick and easy way to memorize notes and chord shapes all over the neck. Think of this as the essential notes and chord shapes you need in being able to quickly start using the entire neck. You will learn major, minor and dominant 7 chord shapes.

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October 29, 2020.....Vlog 11

Feeling frustrated with the guitar. Feeling Stuck? This might help.



If you are at the point of frustration with your guitar and feel like you have hit a wall and cannot progress, this video might be of help. I will share 3 recent situations where I have been frustrated and what I have done to overcome it.

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November 5, 2020.....Vlog 12

3 Simple Techniques to improve your Dynamics on Guitar.



In this video, we will discuss how to play with emotion and several techniques for how to use dynamics when playing lead. All built around 3 fretted notes. Doesn't get much easier than 3 notes. Onscreen tabs and jam track included.

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November 12, 2020.....Vlog 13

Feeling uninspired on guitar? Going through a dry spell? Here's 3 ideas to help you overcome



Are you feeling totally uninspired with learning or playing guitar? Feel like everything is sounding the same and like you're stuck in a dry spell? We all deal with that at various points. In this video I'll share three things that can help you re-ignite your love for the instrument.

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November 19, 2020.....Vlog 14

Who are your Top 5 influential guitar players



I share my top 5 guitar influences in this video and would love to hear from you in the comments. Who influences you the most on guitar? and who do you aspire to sound like.

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December 17, 2020

Do a LOT with a LITTLE. Use the guitar information that you already know to start making music.



I received lots of emails from folks that are waiting until they have a solid understanding of music theory before jumping in and improvising. Why wait? Start taking the information that you already know (no matter how small) and using it to improvise.

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December 24, 2020.....Vlog 15

Get started playing lead guitar with these 2 Easy Square Shapes. Not sure where to start? Start here



It's easy to get overwhelmed when trying to learn how to start playing lead guitar, so many scales, patterns, boxes, etc. This is a short and easy lesson to get you started playing lead right away by visualizing 2 square shapes.

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December 31, 2020.....Vlog 16

Try Something NEW this year! 3 Ideas to give you a whole new appreciation for the guitar.



This short video highlights 3 ideas you should consider trying to improve your knowledge and love for guitar.

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January 7, 2021.....Vlog 17

Easy Chord ideas that you may not know about - Using Open Strings.



There are several really cool chord progressions that you can play using first position chords by playing them in different places on the neck. This video demonstrates what you can do with and E, A, A minor, D and D minor chord.

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January 14, 2021.....Vlog 18

Easy Blues that nearly ANYONE can play . You can do this with ONE Finger.



Learn a slow and easy blues composition that you can play by yourself on acoustic or electric guitar, that is possible to play with just one finger.

January 21, 2021..... **Vlog 19**

What do I play over a Slow Blues Rhythm on guitar? T- Bone Walker style rhythm approach. *



Learn how to play those classic T-Bone Walker 9 chords in two positions on the neck and how to play simple embellishments and fill licks along with them.

January 28, 2021..... **Vlog 20**

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Sharing 3 simple Guitar Breakthroughs

What are some of yours? (lightbulb moments).



In this video I thought it would be fun to create a little series of 'breakthroughs' that we experience on guitar. We all have them, and it's magic when it happens. Share some of your breakthroughs in the comments below and I'll pick a few and use them in the next video.

February 4, 2021..... **Vlog 21**

How to Visualize chords to play Blues lead Changes. Easier than you think.



In this video I will show you how to imagine 2 chord shape patterns on the neck so that you can target chords tones and play a more colorful (melodic) lead.

February 11, 2021..... **Vlog 22**

Super Easy 2 Finger Blues Rhythm. Perfect for Comping - Easy Blues.



Learn how to play an easy blues rhythm that you can do with just 2 fingers. Easy blues comping idea.

February 18, 2021..... **Vlog 23**

Visualize a Simple Melody using Chord Shapes.



Learn how to play the 1,4,5 progression in two positions on the neck and how to play a simple melodic lead using those chords.

February 25, 2021..... **Vlog 24**

Simple Fingerstyle - John Prine Style



This video breaks down a John Prine inspired fingerstyle rhythm with a very simple melody. Tab is included on screen.

..... March 4, 2021..... **Vlog 25**

Combine Simple Triads with the Minor Pentatonic Scale for an easy Blues lead.



Learn an easy blues lead that combines triads with the minor pentatonic scale for an easy way to play over the chord changes. Tab is included on screen.

..... March 11, 2021..... **Vlog 26**

Easy Travis Fingerstyle Blues Introduction to Travis Style - Chet Atkins.



This can be transposed to any key (no open strings). Onscreen tab included. Perfect for those that are interested in getting started with fingerstyle.

..... March 18, 2021..... **Vlog 27**

Eric Clapton's Acoustic Blues Style – Unplugged guitar lesson in the style of Eric Clapton *



In this video you'll learn to play an Eric Clapton "Unplugged" style blues designed for acoustic guitar (although you could do it on electric as well). Tab is included on screen.

..... March 31, 2021 **Vlog 28**

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My favorite Apps – iPhone and Android for guitar practice



In this video I take a look at 8 apps that I use that have help me become a better guitar player.

..... April 7, 2021 **Vlog 29**

Jerry Garcia Style guitar licks *



In this lesson, you'll learn a few classic Jerry Garcia licks that are based off the A chord shape (from the CAGED System). You'll see how that they can easily be played in any key. Great for jamming.

..... April 14, 2021 **Vlog 30**

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Playing the changes with Modes



In this video, you'll learn how to play the chord changes using a single scale and relate it back to 3 different modes.

..... April 22, 2021 **Vlog 31**

Tomo & Brian – Discussing Technique



Tomo Fujita (Guitar Wisdom) and Brian Sherrill (ActiveMelody) have an online discussion about guitars, vibrato, bend control and other guitar techniques.

..... August 5, 2021

Color Tones makes those Cowboy Chords sound better *



In this short lesson, you'll learn how to take a few basic chords (simple chord structure) and introduce color tones to make them sound much more interesting.

..... August 18, 2021 **Vlog 32**

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Vidami pedal now works with ActiveMelody! Vidami demo/review – control video playback with a pedal.



This is a demonstration of how the pedal can be used with playback control of the media assets from the lessons.

August 24, 2021

Johnny Cash – Luther Perkins Rhythm Style Guitar Lesson *



Have you ever wanted to play that Johnny Cash style rhythm? This lesson shows you how to combine the Luther Perkins picking style, with Johnny Cash's strum style to create that classic country rhythm.

..... August 26, 2021 **Vlog 33**

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Start playing Blues Guitar right away using this simple 2 string technique. *



In this short 7 minute video, you'll learn a simple technique for playing blues guitar in the Key E (works in any key). By using just a few notes on the first 2 strings.

..... September 21, 2021... **Vlog 34**

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SHORTS SERIES



Minor Key Blues on guitar in less than 1 minute

A short and sweet minor key blues in E minor you can play by yourself.

..... September 1, 2021 ... **Shorts 01**



Arpeggio Blues on guitar in less than 1 minute

Play the changes with arpeggios. Simple blues melody by yourself on guitar.

..... September 2, 2021 **Shorts 02**



Short little Delta Blues played Fingerstyle (with TAB) Blues Guitar Lesson.

September 8, 2021 ... **Shorts 03**



Short and sweet little chord melody - Guitar Lesson.

September 9, 2021 ... **Shorts 04**



Slow Bluegrass / Ragtime Style guitar jam.

Play this one by yourself!

September 16, 2021 ... **Shorts 05**



Drop D Acoustic Blues - Short & Sweet.

September 23, 2021 ... **Shorts 06**