

5 Beginner Guitar Riffs

and the skills they develop

Crazy Train - Ozzy Osborne

Guitarist - Randy Rhoads

Skills Unlocked:
Use of the 4th finger

The tablature shows a sequence of notes: 2-2-4-2-5-2-4-2 in the first measure, and 2-0-4-0-2-0-4-0 in the second measure. Above the staff, there are four groups of three horizontal bars, each with a letter 'T', 'A', and 'B' stacked vertically, indicating a specific technique or fretting pattern.

Enter Sandman - Metallica

Guitarist - James Hetfield

Skills Unlocked:
Picking across 3 string
rhythmic syncopation

The tablature features a sequence of notes: 0-0-7-5-6-5-7-0 in the first measure, and 0-7-5-6-5-7-0 in the second measure. Above the staff, there are four groups of three horizontal bars, each with a letter 'T', 'A', and 'B' stacked vertically. The first measure includes a treble clef and a quarter note.

Roadhouse Blues - The Doors

Guitarist - Robby Krieger

Skills Unlocked:
consecutive hammer-ons
muting between picks

The tablature shows a sequence of notes: 0-0-0-0-0-0-5-6-7 in the first measure, and 0-0-0-0-0-0-5-6-7 in the second measure. Above the staff, there are eight groups of three horizontal bars, each with a letter 'T', 'A', and 'B' stacked vertically.

Paradise City - Gun's N Roses

Guitarist - Slash

Skills Unlocked:
alternate picking
fast use of 1-2-3 fingers

▣ downstroke ▽ upstroke

The tablature shows a sequence of notes: 3-1-2-3-1-2-3-3-3-1 in the first measure, and 3-1-2-3-1-2-3-3-3-1 in the second measure. Above the staff, there are eight groups of three horizontal bars, each with a letter 'T', 'A', and 'B' stacked vertically. The first measure includes a treble clef and a quarter note.

Day Tripper - The Beatles

Guitarist - George Harrison

Skills Unlocked:
2 string barre with 1st finger
hammer-on with 3-4
rhythmic syncopation

The tablature shows a sequence of notes: 0-0-3-4-2-2 in the first measure, and 0-2-4-4-2-0-2 in the second measure. Above the staff, there are four groups of three horizontal bars, each with a letter 'T', 'A', and 'B' stacked vertically.