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When youre first learning to play the guitar, its tough to know where to begin. As a guitar teacher, I recommend beginners start with super easy guitar songs are perfect for building confidence and fundamental guitar-playing skills. I would be lying if I told you that you could be a master of the string overnight. You need to master a few basic tricks like the correct strumming, picking, and fingering techniques. The songs I am about to share with you are easy enough to play, and their rhythm is predictable enough for the average beginner quitarist. Before we get into the list, keep in mind that this list will include songs for both acoustic and electric guitar. The tabs and lesson videos may be geared specifically for one or the other. You might want to check our easy acoustic guitar songs list, depending on which type of guitar songs list, easy electric guitar songs list, easy electric guitar songs list, and more. Here is a List of Easy Guitar Songs (All Genres) 1. Take Me Home, Country Roads by John Denvers Take Me Home, Country Roads is a song that can give you are in. West Virginias official state anthem, Take Me Home, Country Roads, also happens to be an easy song to play on a guitar. The verses are a breeze to play. They follow a G-Em-D-C-G pattern. By the time you reach the chorus, the chorus, the chorus, the chorus, the chorus are a bit to include G-D7-Em-C-G-D-C-G. The rhythm is not that fast. Absolute beginner guitarists can easily follow at their own pace. You can try some fancy finger techniques in the future. However, this is hardly necessary as the song is already rich enough in melodies. This is an all-around great song for parties and get together as well as in bars or small venues. Just have fun with it. 2. Sweet Home Alabama by Lynyrd I think Sweet Home Alabama is a great piece for people who want a classic rock song thats easy to learn and master. You can play this almost anywhere, and your audience will be clapping their hands and singing along. Its great for bonfires or while your time during road trips. Nothing can be simpler than Sweet Home Alabama. The rhythm is predictable. The song itself is open to different variations. You only need to master the basic chords before you can move on to more complex guitar playing techniques. This 1974 Southern rock hit only has three chords to play. Theres a G, followed by a C, and then finished off with a D. You then start all over again. How easy is that? Of course, you can try pull-offs and hammer-ons later to provide the song with texture. these chords right, and everything should be easy. This is one of my favorite easy guitar songs for beginners, and almost everyone will recognize it. 3. Seven Nation Army by The White Stripes There is no mistaking the guitar riff that Jack White of The White Stripes popularized. While the riff has a very uncanny name (earworm), it is one of the easiest pieces any beginning guitarist can play. The song only calls for 7 notes that you play in succession. The best part? Well, these 7 notes are all on the fifth string is, that is the second string from the top. Its the second fattest one. With your finger on the 5th string, try to press on the 7th fret, 7th fret, 10th f 7th fret, 5th fret, 3rd fret, and the 2nd fret, and the 2nd fret. Play these frets in that order (7-7-10-7-7-5-3-2). Those are the 7 notes for Jack Whites famous earworm. Finish it off with a G5 and an A5 power chord, and you are off to a blistering start. 4. Boys Round Here by Blake Shelton GenreCountryTuningE A D G B ETabsView Boys Around Here Chords HereWith only two guitar chords to play, Blake Sheltons Boys Around Here is one of the easiest pieces to master. A child who can reach his fingers on the fretboard should easily play the A and D chords of the song. Its that crazy simple. Strumming isnt that difficult, either. You can go as lazy as you want for a more laid-back vibe. Or, if youre feeling more upbeat, you can strum the strings with a greater force to rock your neighborhood. I couldnt care less whether you can sing like Blake Shelton does or not. What is important here is for you to get the correct rhythm. You can even have your pals play along with their own instruments or perhaps an improvised one. Jamming with your friends is now more fun. You can also replace the lyrics with your own to give the song a nice twist. 5. Born in the U.S.A. by Bruce Springsteen I know what youre thinking. How can a rock song with a very popular fingerstyle guitar riff become a good piece for absolute newbies to learn? Well, guitar songs can be played in different ways. The fingerstyle is just one of them. If youre a beginner, you dont want to go down this route. Fingerpicking is for more advanced players. This doesnt mean novice guitarists can no longer play this piece using a good, old-fashioned strumming technique. Theres a much better reason why I consider this 1982 Springsteen classic to be great for newbie guitar players. You will only use two major chords that require three strings to press A major. What can be tricky is the strumming technique. You would want it to sound melodic enough to give your friends a good reason to sing along. This is a nice piece of music that you can always play with the rest of your buddies. Popular Related Article: Our Favorite Easy Country Songs to Play on Guitar 6. All about that Bass by Meghan Trainor GenrePopTuningE A D G B ETabsView All about that Bass Chords HereIt doesn't matter if you dont know how to play the amazing bassline of this 2014 doo-wop song. You can always devote several sessions to mastering that part. What is important as a beginner guitarist is to get the rhythm right. This song also has three very easy guitar chords that any beginner guitar player can execute without any fuss. What you need to train your fingers in is how to perform the strumming pattern. The intro requires a D-DDU-UD-DUDU pattern. It is quite a handful, I know. However, I am confident youll have this in the bag within an hour or so. This Trainor song is a favorite of many. And I am sure you also have friends who have this in their playlists. The songs bass lines are perfect for playing on your cars stereo system. And when you play such a song on your guitar, youd have the rest of the neighborhood dancing along. 7. You Are My Sunshine by Jimmie Davis GenreCountryTuningE A D G B ETabsView You Are My Sunshine is another one of my favorite super easy guitar songs for beginners that almost everyone will recognize. I have yet to meet a person who doesnt know this song. It is an enduring song that has been recorded and remixed countless times. Even the great Nat King Cole, Ray Charles, Anne Murray, Aretha Franklin, and Chuck Berry wanted to have a piece of history by recording their own version of this 1939 country song. If you think the lyrics are easy to belt, you should see the guitar chords of this piece. All three chords are open, allowing absolute beginner guitar players to learn the song in minutes. The technique for strumming the chords isnt that complicated, too. Its basically a D-D-UDU pattern. All newbie guitarists will ever need is to follow the rhythm. This music piece is perfect for practicing your switching technique. mastery of switching between different chords. 8. Love on the Weekend by John Mayer GenrePop rockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Love on the Weekend Tabs HereHeres a great song you can play and sing along with your friends when you go to the beach or have a fantastic barbecue party over the weekend. It has a bluesy flair and a carefree vibe that will make you want to shout TGIF every single day. Its also a great background song to your weekend road trips. You can play this 2016 pop rock song using the arpeggio if you like. However, if this is your first time playing guitar, it would be more appropriate to start with the more conventional strumming technique. Most beginners can strum the chords with the precision of an advanced guitar player after only several minutes. I wont be surprised if you can do the same. Focus on the strumming, which is simple enough for kids. You might also want to learn the guitar riff to make the song even more beautiful on your guitar. 9. Stand by Me by Ben E. King GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Stand by Me is a classic that has stood the test of time. First recorded in 1960, the song still enjoys significant airtime in popular radio stations and music streaming platforms that specialize on the hits of the yesteryears. And why not? The message still rings true to this very day. Almost everyone I know cannot help but tap their feet to the rhythm while singing the phrase stand by me in a beautiful chorus.Not only is this Ben E. Kings masterpiece a great song choice for any occasion. It is also a good stepping stone for aspiring guitarists. There are four chords to play that follow the 4-beat pattern of G-G-Em-Em-C-D-G-G.You can put a twist, too. I have met guitarists who played with the chords to make the sound more contemporary, complete with a thump on the face of the guitar body that mimics the beat of Article: A Full List of Easy Pop Songs on Guitar 10. All Apologies by Nirvana Who doesn't love the beat of Nirvanas rock classic, All Apologies? It is a grunge/rock tune that is ideal for aspiring guitarists, regardless of age. The song is one of the greatest hits ever to come out of the 90s. It took the pre-millennium decade by storm. If you want to master this classic, I suggest checking out the Unplugged Version. The strumming pattern is so easy both on the electric and the acoustic guitars. Youre welcome to try both versions to give you that rock star sound. The simple rhythm that forms the backbone for the C, F, and G chords should make learning fast. Theres good harmony and the rhythm lends a basic structure to the songs melody. Strumming is straightforward, although you might be tempted to perform guitar riffs in the future. If youre looking for a great song to sing along to, then youve got to consider All Apologies. Its one of those easy beginner guitar songs that I recommend to anyone that likes this genre of music. 11. Wild Thing by The Troggs GenrePopTuningE A D G B ETabsView Wild Thing Tabs HereMost of the aspiring rock bands I have known started their journey mastering the explosive groove of the Wild Thing. With such a catchy title, there is no way this The Troggs masterpiece will not ring a bell in the minds of people across generations. This 1960s rock classic still rules the airwaves of stations and channels that play rock. Many of the rock legends of our time also have their own versions of this classic, including Jimi Hendrix. Playing the Wild Thing is not that difficult. After all, there are only three very simple major chords to play. Youll strum to the strings or strum it with all your might. Want to know if you have that rock star spirit in you? Master Wild Thing by taking it slow. Move on to power strumming for greater dynamics once youre done with the basics. 12. I Wanna Be There by Blessid Union of Souls first released the song in 1997 and the raves started coming. Its easy to see why. The message was relatable and the sound itself was something that even a 5th grader can play. These chords include G, C, and D. It is as easy as playing blocks of A-B-C. There are no riffs, bends, and hammers, too. Its all plain strumming. You only need to play G-C-D-G in progression. Start with the basic strumming techniques before moving on to some fancy fingering. This should set you on the path to becoming a good balladeer. Play this song when youre on a date. 13. Love Me Do by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Love Me Do Tabs HereThere is something about the songs of The Beatles that seem so magical. The lyrics are simple and very relatable. The chords are also very easy, both on the fingers and on the ears. One of the mid-20th century. Learning to play Love Me Do is as easy as playing two major chords: G and C. When you get to the bridge, you will only add a D to the pattern and youre already gunning it. However, I do have to emphasize that you will have to learn the correct strumming pattern. Some guitarists employ straightforward down-up strokes. Others use a different stroke. My recommendation is to familiarize yourself with the song, especially its rhythm. This will help you decide on the strumming pattern. Popular Related Article: Our Favorite Easy Rock Songs on Guitar 14. Brown Eyed Girl by Van Morrison GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Brown Eyed Girl Tabs HereThis song is a favorite during parties and weddings. It has a fun vibe to it that gives you a sense of having a carefree lifestyle. The chords are also easy and are open to a lot of improvisations. You can integrate detailed plucking techniques once youve mastered the basic strumming of the song. There are only four notes in the song: G, D, C, and E-minor. You only add the Em chord when youre ready to sing the My brown-eyed girl line of the chorus. The pattern is G-C-G-D, followed by C-D-G-Em.Okay, so the pattern is a bit more complex for starters. However, the four chords are still very easy to memorize and play. You should be able to play the song within an hour of continuous practice. I dont need to reiterate the importance of rhythm here. Your strumming pattern will help you solidify your role as a guitarist. 15. Leaving on A Jet Plane by John Denver GenreCountryTuningE A D G B ETabsView Leaving on A Jet Plane is a classic piece that is perfect for absolute beginners to guitar playing. The strumming pattern is isimple. I taught a youngster in our neighborhood once and he was playing it like a legend in less than an hour. If this bloke can gun this piece, then anyone who has enough passion for music can learn to play it, too. What makes Leaving on A Jet Plane easy to master is its 3-chord tab. modest finger movements. You have G, C, and D strummed in progression throughout the song. The chords are the same whether it is the verse or the chorus of the song. If Norckin On Heavens Door by Bob Dylan Every time someone plays this Bob Dylan classic, I cannot help but find myself swaying to the beat. It is not as hard as metal rock. But it sure is one of the best sounds there is. As it turns out, playing the chords is also as easy as finding your rhythm with the song. There are only 4 chords that you play. However, I have seen guitarists make variations in their chord plays to give the song a different vibe. The chords follow a typical G-D-Am pattern and followed by G-D-C. You play these chords alternately. You may want to vary the positioning of your rhythm The strumming motions are straightforward. Its all down-up with a 16th note pattern. Keep on practicing this and you could be strumming your way to fame. 17. Three Little Birds by Bob Marley Classic of the late 1970s. It reached the UK Top 20 at the 17th spot and has been rendered by different artists of the modern era. The latest artist to give their own take of Marleys masterpiece was Maroon 5 in 2018. Today, the song remains a favorite among young children because of its feel-good vibe. One thing you should know about this reggae is that it is also easy to play. There are only three chords to master: A, D, and E. Its perfect for anyone who loves reggae or those who simply want a rhythm that can rock the soul like a lullaby. Strumming to the rhythm of the Three Little Birds feels like getting transported to the white sandy beaches of the Caribbean. It has this distinct island vibe to it that makes you feel so relaxed and in the mood. 18. Talkin Bout A Revolution by Tracy Chapman This song is a classic folk song with a protest style undertone. The progression is very simple; perhaps, even simpler than the other songs I listed here. The G-C-Em-D arrangement of chords is perfect for newbies. the verse and straight to the end of the song, these chords are everything. Now, dont think that it is that easy. The key to playing this song is understanding its dynamics. You must know when to strum the strings loud and when to turn it down. The song calls for a soft start. It gradually builds in strength, reaching a full pelt by the 75th second. One trick you can employ is to practice your strumming. Try to vary the strength of your strumming to get a feel for the right dynamic. Youll eventually get it right. 19. Sweet Caroline by Neil Diamond GenreSoft rock, popTuningE A D G B ETabsView Sweet Caroline Tabs HereWhat do the NFLs Carolina Panthers, the MLBs Boston Red Sox, and the Premier Leagues Arsenal and Aston Villa Football Clubs have in common? Well, aside from being big-name professional sports organizations, these clubs have also adopted Neil Diamonds Sweet Caroline is an iconic song that has earned a lot of recognition for its vibrant melody and well-conceived acoustic theme. It is also relatively easy to play, requiring only three chords for the verse. They follow a predictable A-D-E-D-E before moving into the A-D-E-D-E before moving into the A-D-E-D-C#m-Bm pattern of the chorus. The verse is easy. However, I do recommend spending some time making the transitions in the last line of the chorus. It may require some fancy fingerwork. Regardless, Sweet Caroline remains a favorite of mine because of its feel-good vibe. You should try it, too. 20. Wonderful World by Sam Cooke Please dont confuse Wonderful World by Sam Cooke Please dont confuse with What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrongs song has more of a mellow tune to it, while Sam Cookes masterpiece is more upbeat. Plus, while they allude to the same thing, they differ in the manner of expressing it. I chose Sam Cookes Wonderful World because of its more vibrant melodies. Like most of the songs of the 60s, Wonderful World because of its more vibrant melodies. a guitar should be able to follow the basic rhythm of the song. There are 6 chords for the song, including G, Em, C, d, A7, and D7. The verse follows the G-Em-C-D pattern, while the chorus comes with a G-C-G-C-D-G pattern. It is easy enough to memorize and master in under an hour. Sam Cookes Wonderful World also requires no fancy strumming. although you can apply variations once you have mastered the basics. 21. Hand in My Pocket by Alanis Morissette GenrePopTuningE A D G B ETabsView Hand in My Pocket. This 1990s rock song has reached a classic status because of its remarkable contrasts of sorts. The song goes against many of the established formulas of songwriting, yet still finds a way to touch the hearts of even the harshest critics. What is more amazing about this song is that newbie guitarists always find it so easy to play. masterpiece is a cinch. The verse has a very simple 2-chord, G-G4-gattern that is a breeze to strum. The last line of the verse only requires the G-F-C pattern to open into the G-G4-G-F-C-D-G-G4-G pattern of the everyone else in the room will be dancing to the beat. Popular Related Article: Ultimate Guide to Basic Guitar Chords 22. Achy Breaky Heart by Billy Ray Cyrus GenreCountryTuningE A D G B ETabsView Achy Breaky Heart Tabs HereWho wouldve thought that another country song would make it to the Billboard Hot 100 and follow in the footsteps of Islands in the Stream? Yet, Achy Breaky Heart defied all odds and topped the charts at number 4 in 1992. Not only did the song get people jumping up and down in their respective places. The tune also led to the boom of the now-iconic line dance. Now, imagine if you can play this. You will need a bigger floor area in your friends to showcase their line dancing prowess. The Achy Breaky Heart is easy enough to master. I cannot think of any other song that only has two very basic guitar chords to make it work. You only need C and G and some simple strumming techniques to get everyone dancing to the groove. The pattern is easy to follow, making it great for beginners. 23. Perfect by Ed Sheeran GenrePopTuningE A D G B ETabsView Perfect Tabs HereAnyone who aspires to become a good guitarist should include Ed Sheerans Perfect in their beginners repertoire of songs. The first time I heard the song, I knew it would be an instant hit. I know it can be cheesy, but you have got to love both the lyrics and the melody. It is not surprising that the song has found its way into many wedding celebrations and other gatherings that need soft music to set the mood. It is a definite crowd-pleaser and a very simple song to master with the guitar. Strumming G-Em-C-D is enough to get your chords right. there were some minor additions to give the song the depth that it deserves. 24. Matchbox by Carl Perkins GenreRockabilly, Rock, PopTuningE A D G B ETabsView Matchbox tabs HereYou might not know the song, but Matchbox was a huge hit in the 1950s. It heralded the dawn of rockabilly songs that combined jazzy rhythm and blues with the distinct melodies of country music. I can understand if Millennials dont know the song. However, it is one of the easiest and most fun songs you can ever play on a guitar. For starters, the song only has three chords are also not the difficult ones that require some serious finger flexibility. Playing A, D, and E on the fretboard couldnt get any easier. Perhaps the only tricky aspect of the song is its rhythm. It can be quite fast to the absolute newbie. That is why I recommend practicing the chords first. You can always find your own rhythm by listening to the song several times. Matchbox may not ring a bell to Millennials. But it is one of the best songs to play. 25. Wonderful Tonight by Eric Clapton GenreBluesTuningE A D G B ETabsView Wonderful Tonight Tabs HereOne of the first songs I ever learned to play guitar. The only tricky part is how to properly bend the strings to get that excellent vibratory feel.I have seen experienced guitarists fluffing the fluent bends of Claptons classic. This is how tricky this simple technique can be. Get it right and you can be wowing the crowd. Get it wrong and youd earn their wrath. You can always practice the correct string bending techniques later. What is sufficient for now is to get a feel for the different notes. Try to master the unbent target notes first. Once you have mastered these notes, you can then try bending the string with each hit. Always listen to the notes as you bend the strings. 26. Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and Shout by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Twist and With the Beatles providing upbeat music, it was almost impossible not to stand up and haul your date to the dance floor. One of the hippest music ever to be covered by the Liverpool Fab Four is the Twist and Shout. What makes this song so great for beginner guitarists? How about having only three notes with a very predictable pattern? You see, Twist and Shout only comes with D-G-A. That should not be very difficult to remember. Playing it is also easy. There are no fancy fingering techniques. Its plain and simple strumming of the guitar strings. Youre welcome to give it a riff if you want. You only need to play George Harrisons opening line. Youll have your fingers playing on the 5th, 2nd, and 4th frets before you start heading to the D-G-A pattern. Popular Related Article: Our Favorite Easy Guitar Solos 27. Imagine by John Lennons Imagine has won many awards, including a Grammy Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Released in 1971, the message of Imagine resonates to this very day, especially at a time when there is inequality from all fronts. It goes without saying that the song is one of the most important masterpieces that any musician must play in the early stages of his career. And even if youre not going to play guitar professionally, learning to play Imagine is sure to get the whole room singing along with you. The chords for the verse of Imagine are quite simple. They follow a typical C-Cmaj7-F pattern that starts from the introduction. Only when you get to the bridge will the chords can turn a bit tricky. Theres F, Am/E, Dm7, and F/C on the first line and followed by G, C/G, and G7 on the second line. 28. Mannish Boy by Muddy Water GenreBluesTuningE A D G B ETabsView Mannish Boy Tabs HereLong before Jack White popularized the ear worm, there was Muddy Waters in the 1950s. The group created one of the greatest guitar riff defines all blues.What makes the Mannish Boy so easy to play is that it only comes with five chords in a sustained rhythm. A straight down strum of A-D-A-C-A is all thats needed to play the song. It serves more as a tool for establishing and sustaining the rhythm. If you want to make it more fascinating, you can add F# to the D and E to C.If you do try to play this, I implore you to have your friends play bass and harmonica as well. Such a combination will give your song color and harmonica as well. Such a combination will give your song color and harmonica as well. we could play House of The Rising Sun all day long. I remember it so well. Me and the gang kicked it out at the park with a guitar and several bottles of soda in tow. Then wed play and sing the Animals classic for endless hours. I have seen different chords, but the simplest are Am, C, D, F, and E. Ive seen tabs that use Fmaj7 instead of simply F. You should start with the F if youre having problems with the F if youre having problems with the F. You should start wi Am-C-D-F-Am-E.I know it is quite tricky to memorize. You can nail it with constant practice, nevertheless. 30. All of Me by John Legend GenreR&B/SoulTuningE A D G B ETabsView All of Me Tabs HereThis pop song is not really that easy to play if you are going to look at the number of chords you need to memorize and master. There are about 14 different chords required to play this ballad. However, I was compelled to include it in this list because the chords are not really that difficult to play. I also think the slow tempo of the song can make it super easy for beginner guitarists to transition between chords. This is unlike rock songs with a more upbeat tempo. You can easily lose track of your finger movements. You will not have that issue with this John Legend hit. As always, I recommend focusing first on the mastery of the different chords. This will pave the way to the easy integration of the rhythm. Sooner or later, playing the song by feel will be almost second nature. songs to play on guitar, this is an excellent choice. Popular Related Article: Easy Love Songs on Guitar 31. Dont Let Me Down by The Beatles GenreBlues rock classic of the Beatles an excellent song for anyone who is new to playing the guitar. It is also a favorite of old-timers and veteran guitarists who want a piece that is easy to strum when youre a bit lazy and can still offer a lot of opportunities for fingerpicking when youre in the mood. Yes, this is a song that appeals to different guitarists across the spectrum. On one end are the beginners. The two-chord pattern of this Beatles song will never put a strain on a newbies fingers. Strumming E major and F-sharp minor is also something that even a kid can execute with ease. And if youre more than ready to take this song to the next level, Dont Let Me Down can give you that chance, too.For now, it is best to have fun learning the basics of this Beatles song. This is one of my favorite beginner guitar songs by The Beatles. 32. Bad Moon Rising by Creedence Clearwater Revival GenreClassic RockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Bad Moon Rising is another song thats ridiculously easy to learn. There are only three chords to play. the Dont go around tonight line in the chorus. This gives it a D-A-G-D-G pattern, before reverting to the usual D-A-G-D.Like any other song a few times to get a feel for its rhythm. You can then create your own strumming technique. The song has a nice feel to it that somehow marries light rock with a country vibe. It is not unusual for anyone who hears the song to find themselves tapping their foot. Its a great piece to play at the camp or even during a weekend of barbecue fun. 33. Whats Up by 4 Non Blondes GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Whats Up Tabs HereYou might consider Whats Up as a musical piece lacking in structure and largely incoherent and meaningless. However, when Linda Perry wrote the song way back in the early 1990s, she thought about a song that people of non-English-speaking countries can also understand. Thats the beauty of Whats Up.What makes it even more beautiful is that you can learn to play it in a matter of minutes. The chord progression follows the E-Am-G-D-B pattern. These chords are very easy to play. Absolute beginners may find the B quite tricky at first. Once you master your finger techniques, everything will come together. Get-togethers and big parties can come alive when playing this song. Everyone can sing along. Some may even accompany your guitar playing with their own brand of rhythm. Some would clap their hands, while others may be more inclined to beat something else. This is a song worth learning. 34. A Horse with no Name by America Another song that has only two chords to play is A Horse with no Name. It only involves E-minor and D69/F#. Most of the beginner guitarists I know get intimidated by the second chord. In theory, the chord signifies the D note in six, nine chords complemented with a bass note in the F-sharp. Youd kick yourself in the butt if I told you that D69/F# only requires two fingers. One finger plays the second fret on the sixth string. The other finger plays the third string, also on the second fret. And since E-minor also plays on the second fret, the song requires very minimal finger movement. Its all about sliding those two fingers from the 4th and 5th strings of the Em chord to the 2nd and 6th strings of the D69/F# chord. Once you get the feel of the slide, you should be able to rock the song. Thats what we call easy-peasy. 35. Shake It Off by Taylor Swift GenrePopTuningE A D G B ETabsView Shake It Off Chords HereFans of Taylor Swift can play the pop stars Shake It Off to get them on the fascinating journey of guitar playing. The song is one of Swifts biggest hits with its video receiving more than a billion views on YouTube. Most people dont consider the pop icons songs as great for beginner guitarists. Youd be surprised at how easy the Shake It Off really is. It only requires three basic chords are also strikingly similar. On the G6 chord, one finger is on the fretboard. The G6 and Cmaj7 chords are also strikingly similar. On the G6 chord, one finger is on the fretboard. The G6 and Cmaj7 chords are also strikingly similar. is on the 5th string on the second fret. The Cmaj7 chord is similar, except that you will only move your fingers one string lower than the G6. The pattern is simple and very easy to follow, too. Whats not to like? 36. Eleanor Rigby by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Eleanor Rigby by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Eleanor Rigby by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Eleanor Rigby by The Beatles GenreRockTuningE A D G B good piece for beginner guitarists. For starters, this 1966 art rock song is one of the few Beatles songs that the Fab Four didnt use any of their instruments that you would normally hear played by an orchestra. No wonder they call it baroque pop. However, just because it doesn't have the conventional pop music instruments for the backing doesnt mean it can no longer qualify as a guitar piece. The mere fact that you only need a C major and an E-minor to play this song already makes it a good song for absolute beginners. Also, youll find the strumming technique of this piece to be somewhat different from what youre accustomed very simple beat and a pretty basic structure. However, its groove is something that even 21st century audiophiles find appealing. The upbeat vibe is worth dancing to and the chorus is as catchy as any other hook that all great rock and roll songs have. Playing this Everly Brothers song should be a piece of cake if you are only going to look at its chords. There are a pair of easy chords D major and A major that you dont even have to worry about barre chords. What you would really love to learn here is the intro guitar riff as it involves a brief fingerstyle. 38. Jambalaya (On the Bayou) by Hank Williams GenreCountryTuningE A D G B ETabsView Jambalaya Tabs HereI honestly think that Jambalaya is the most fun song anyone can ever play on the guitar. This is a 1952 country song that has become almost a standard. What many people may not know is that this song is one of the most remixed and covered musical pieces of all time. gave the song their own take in 1973. You will never have issues with the chords of this song. You have an open C major and an easy G7 chord that you will be playing throughout the song. It cannot get more complicated than that. What can be tricky, however, is the strumming pattern. You need to hit the bass notes before you strike the rest of the strings.Jambalaya is a very exciting song to play for beginners, especially learning the bass picking trick. Its a very fun guitar piece, too. 39. Jailhouse Rock by Elvis Presley A hit from music lands King of Rock n Roll, Jailhouse Rock by Elvis Presley A hit from music lands King of Rock n Roll, Jailhouse Rock by Elvis Presley A hit from music lands King of Rock n Roll, Jailhouse Rock by Elvis Presley A hit from music lands King of Rock n Roll, Jailhouse Rock by Elvis Presley A hit from music lands King of Rock n Roll, Jailhouse Rock by Elvis Presley A hit from music lands King of Rock n Roll, Jailhouse Rock by Elvis Presley A hit from music lands King of Rock n Roll, Jailhouse Rock by Elvis Presley A music-lover anywhere and across the generations. City watering holes and local rural pubs still play this 1957 Presley song whenever they can. In other countries, you can still hear the song every weekend in every street corner. Thats how enduring this song is. And what makes it so enduring is its ease of playing on the guitar. Three chords make up the song. As soon as people familiarize themselves with the strumming pattern and the chord progression, they can pass the knowledge on to others. It is not surprising if youll pick the basics of this song within minutes. If any, its the sliding technique of the intro that you may find tricky. Not if you put your mind and heart to it. 40. Johnny B. Goode by Chuck Berry Some people would argue that Chuck Berry should be the King of Rock n Roll. Berry is both a singer and a songwriter, while Presley only sings the songs that other people write. You can debate all you want. However, theres no denying that Johnny B. Goode is a phenomenal song that is even more popular than Jailhouse Rock. Johnny sits on the 7th spot of the all-time greats, while Jailhouse is on the 67th spot. This song is also a lot easier to play. And if you can get your hands on a vintage Gibson ES-350T, youll be playing this song as close to the original. Dont worry if you dont have this fascinating electric guitar. An acoustic will do just fine. Just keep your mind peeled on the notes and the rhythm and you will be fine.Like Jailhouse, Johnny B. Goode has three simple chords, an easy-to-memorize progression, and an easy-on-the-fingers style of strumming. 41. The Gambler by Kenny Rogers GenreCountryTuningE A D G B ETabsView The Gambler Chords HereYouve got to adore the rhythm of this 1978 country song. While Kenny Rogers was instrumental in the success of the song, he wasnt the only one who recorded it. Theres Johnny Cash and Bobby Bare, too. This song may already be older than your parents. However, it remains very strong in digital platforms. The Gambler is what beginner guitar players often use to learn a few tricks. Theres always the basic strumming and the switching between chords. The rhythm allows for easier chord switching because there are only 96 beats per minute in the music piece. You do have to keep track of the strumming pattern to get the songs melody. Play this song with your buddies. guitar playing. That would make learning the song even more fun and meaningful for you. 42. La Bamba by Ritchie Valens GenreRock and rollTuningE A D G B ETabsView La Bamba has an energetic vibe that is guite difficult to resist. Even if youre a mile away, people will still be humming along or even tapping their feet the moment their ears catch wind of the songs melody. Strumming the chords of C major, F major, and G major arent difficult. Its what every beginner guitarist can accomplish within a few minutes. If you want to be a great player of the guitar, then you should strive to learn the fingerstyle of the intro. The tempo can make nailing the fingerstyle of the iconic intro guitar riff a bit difficult. I strongly suggest slowing it down to get your fingers well acquainted with the movements. Dont worry. You can strum as you wish when you get to the verses and chorus. 43. Hound Dog by Elvis Presley GenreBluesTuningE A D G B ETabsView Hound Dog Tabs HereFancy some blues to add to your growing list of must-learn beginner guitar songs? Then you should never forget to include Elvis Presleys 1956 Hound Dog. Just so you know, he didnt write this. It isnt even a Presley original version of this song is by Big Mama Thornton in 1952. Regardless, it was the Kings version that propelled the song to 17th of all-time greats. Loving the song is natural. It has this very punchy vibe and a lyrical set that will make you want to growl. Its a lament song that tells the story of a woman whos fed up with her good-for-nothing partner. I think some of us can relate to the message quite well And even if it doesnt, the rhythm is sure to get you buck-dancing all you want. Playing Hound Dog isnt difficult either. That is if you dont consider A, D, and E as difficult-to-play chords. 44. Hot Legs by Rod Stewart GenreRockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Hot Legs Tabs HereI know what youre thinking. Hot Legs is not something that any beginner guitar player should attempt to learn. It is a rock song that has plenty of electrifying guitar riffs and arpeggios that can fracture some of your fingers if youre not careful. While this may be true, fingerstyle isnt the only technique. It is also important to recognize that the strumming technique will only require 3 basic chords: G major, C major, and D major. And if you still think that is difficult, then the strumming pattern will make it cinch for you.I cannot say that Hot Legs is an absolute favorite of ours. However, it is a musical piece that we find very entertaining when it comes to getting everyone else on the floor to start swinging to the beat. 45. When You Say Nothing at All by Keith Whitley Heres a great country song for beginner guitar players to try. It has three major open chords G, D, and C that follows the same pattern of G-D-C-D throughout the song. Strumming these guitar chords wont be a problem either. Its mostly downstrums, punctuated every now and then by an upstrum. This song can strengthen your chord switching skills, all while strumming is easy, its the addition of bass notes to every strum that beginners should strive to learn. This is crucial as it gives the song a melodic and harmonic quality that is as beautiful as the original.Speaking of the original, dont ever think that Allison Krauss is the originator of this musical piece. Its not even Ronan Keating. We always credit the original song to Keith Whitley. Grammy award-winner country songwriter Don Schlitz and country singer-songwriter Paul Overstreet wrote the song in 1988. 46. Im Yours by ason Mraz GenreReggaeTuningE A D G B ETabsView Im Yours Tabs HereI believe this is one of the most fun songs ever to come out in 2008. It has a very nice blend of Jawaiian, soft rock, and folk pop influences that add color to its already catchy lyrics. Some would consider it a love song, while others look at, Im Yours as a dance piece. No matter how you view this song, it remains a very interesting music piece on the guitar. First-time guitar players will find the chords to be easy picking. There are no tricky fingerstyles or complicated strumming patterns, too. The best part is that youll find the rhythm to be just right. 47. Fall for You by Secondhand Serenade GenreEmoTuningE A D G B ETabsView Fall for You Tabs HereIf you can sing like John Vesely, go on and play this 2008 alternative rock song. It is one of those musical pieces where the instrumentals provide a very beautiful background to an amazing, next-door-neighbor kind of vocals. And if you have a naturally high-pitched voice, singing this song should be easy-peasy. Dont worry if youre not into singing. Playing Fall for You on your guitar is hassle-free. There are several versions of playing this song. The easiest for beginners is a 4-chord structure that utilizes a simple strumming pattern and an easy-to-follow progression. Most novice guitar players can learn the song in less than 30 minutes. Thats how ridiculously easy this song is. The confidence you build playing the strumming version of this song can pave the way for learning the song sarpeggio. Doing so will make the piece even more beautiful that youll find yourself engrossed in its melody. 48. Counting Stars by OneRepublic GenrePop rockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Counting Stars Tabs HereI know that this 2012 folk pop song is not as easy to play as it sounds. It requires excellent finger coordination to pick the correct strings that will produce a piano-like note. their guitar playing journey. Dont fret if you dont get it right the first few times. You can always revert to the conventional strumming technique to relax your fingers. You can then attack the song again with another try at fingerpicking. This is a catchy tune and rhythm that everyone is sure to love hearing you play. 49. Photograph by Ed Sheeran GenreFolk popTuningE A D G B ETabsView Photograph Tabs HereI find this 2014 acoustic folk pop song very relaxing during those times when I want to be by my lonesome. Im not saying that its a very sad song. However, the message hits the heart dead center when youre alone. This song can stir the emotions of people who are currently away from their loved ones and that their photograph is the only thing that is bridging their memories with fondness. Dont get teary-eved when you play this Ed Sheeran song. You can always forget the lyrics and pay more attention to the chords. The guitar chords include D major, B minor, A major, and G major. Youll play these chords in that order throughout the song, making it a cinch of a piece to accomplish. Whats so beautiful about this is one of my favorite super easy guitar songs for beginners because its fun to play and easy to learn. 50. You Belong with Me by Taylor Swift GenreCountry popTuningE A D G B ETabsView You Belong with Me Tabs HereEven if youre not a fan of Taylor Swift, youll still find yourself falling in love with the very catchy rhythm of this 2009 country pop song. The arpeggio at the beginning of the song is often enough to set everything else in motion. The strumming pattern is also guite unusual as only a select number of strings are strummed. A capo to place on your guitar. With or without a capo, this song will still sound fantastic on a properly tuned guitar. So, pick up your guitar and give the song a few strums. 51. Payphone by Maroon 5 GenrePopTuningE A D G B ETabsView Payphone Tabs HereAlthough the tempo of this 2011 R&B pop song from the pop rock sensation, Maroon 5, is a fast 110 beats per minute, youd be forgiven for playing it slow the first time. Its the only way you can find the confidence to play the song. Once you do, theres nothing that can ever hold you back from learning other guitar playing tricks and techniques. I found a 4-chord version of this song that should be easy-peasy for newbies. The strumming technique is also not as complicated as other versions. The music piece should serve as a great stepping stone to learning other styles of playing the guitar. Having fun with this piece is a given. The opening verses, its youll get to work on different strumming patterns. 52. Rooster by Alice in Chains GenreAlternative metalTuningE A D G B ETabsView Rooster Tabs HereI think it would also be wise to include an easy song for aspiring heavy metal guitarists in this list. Most of the heavy metal songs are quite difficult to play because of their intense guitar riffs and very upbeat tempos. However, I find Alice in Chains 1992 alternative metal grunge song, Rooster, to be perfect for wannabe metal bands. There are several chord versions of this piece. The easiest I have ever seen uses only E major, G major, A major, and C major. All of these are open chords that beginner heavy metal guitar players will find a pleasant surprise. Of course, you wont be able to achieve the song if youll only play the strumming part. Thats why I believe this is a song thats perfect for learning the fingerpick, slide, and hammer-on techniques. 53. I Love It by Icona Pop GenreDance popTuningEb Ab Db Gb Bb EbTabsView I Love It Tabs HereSome beginner guitarists may find the 126 BPM tempo of this 2012 dance pop piece to be intimidating. However, one should always learn it like any other beginner guitarists may find the 126 BPM tempo of this 2012 dance pop piece to be intimidating. piece of cake since it only has three open chords (G major, C major, and A minor) and a single barre chord (B flat). I always tell people who want to learn this song to start with a basic strumming pattern. You can employ a D-DU-U-DU pattern throughout the song. There is one minor variation in the verse where one cycle is followed by a D-DU pattern before you resume strumming as usual. You shouldnt have too difficult of a time. It is always easy to play the chords once you get a hang of the strumming. 54. Zombie Tabs HereThere are several ways you can play this 1994 alternative rock protest song. Beginner guitarists can choose any style of playing that is more comfortable for them. What is important is to have fun playing the different chords of this rock song. When it comes to the guitar chords, the easiest set will include an E minor, an open C major, a G major, and a D major. Pretty simple, right? Switching between these chords is a breeze. You also have several strumming patterns that you can employ. This makes it very appealing to absolute beginner guitar players. Youll also appreciate the fact that the progression of the chords is straightforward. You only need to follow the same chord pattern from the very first note up to the last. Way You Are by Bruno Mars I really had to include this 2010 R&B soft rock piece on this list. Not only does this Bruno Mars song have a very lovely melody. It also happens to be a must-learn for anyone who wants to become a great guitar player. Strumming is the most obvious technique that beginners will have to use for this piece. However, I implore you to find the confidence to play the fingerpick style of this musical piece. I can guarantee that it will be worth trying. You will not only make the song sound more beautiful. Youll also be adding a critical guitar playing technique to your skill set. The chorus is always a great piece to sing along to. It also has a pulse that can light up the dance hall. The song has an undeniable feel-good jam that works so well with its catchy lyrics. You can call it cheesy. Id call it musical poetry. I encourage you to include these songs into your repertoire. They are very easy and fun to play, whether in a group or just practicing at home. The best part is that you get to build the confidence you need to play songs with more complicated chords, patterns, and rhythm. 56. Creep by Radiohead GenreAlternative rockTuningE A D G B ETabsView Creep Tabs HereSome people may not like this song. However, I can say that it is one of our favorite musical pieces because of its ease of playing and catchy rhythm. I have seen beginner guitarists learn the art of incorporating arpeggiated chords in the playing of the songs verses. There are a couple of power chords, too, that will prove instrumental in developing to let you play the arpeggios, power chords, and the ostinatos of this song yet. What I want you to focus on is the strumming of the G major, B major, C major, and E minor chords. So, get ready to unleash your inner rock star. 57. Livin on a Prayer by Bon Jovi You dont have to be a Bon Jovi fan to like this 1986 arena rock-glam metal masterpiece. You can swear at the band members shaggy hairdo or their metal rock band-wannabe image, but you can never deny the power of their signature song. This is an ingenious musical piece that still enjoys a significant following more than 3 decades after its release. I think this Bon Jovi classic is one of the best pieces a novice player can use to learn a few basics of guitar playing. There are complicated chords that you can transpose into easy ones. My suggestion is to start with the chords that youre most comfortable with. You can then slowly add arpeggios and slides in your playing techniques. 58. Chasing Cars by Snow Patrol GenreRockChordsA, E/G#, D, Dsus2, and Dmaj7TabsChasing Cars TabsChasing Cars is Snow Patrols best-selling single. Released on 2006s Eyes Open, the bands song was featured in the medical drama Greys Anatomy season finale. It is rumored that lead singer Gary Lightbody penned the song after a night of binge drinking. In an interview with Rolling Stone magazine, he called it the purest love song that Ive ever written. Absent from the songwriters tendency to write music with a dark edge, the song is perfect for beginner guitarists because of its simple chord progression. Although chords like E/G#. Dsus2, and Dmai7 might seem intimidating, they are relatively easy to finger on the fretboard. Try your hand at playing this tender song. 59. When You Say Nothing at All by Alison Krauss When You Say Nothing at All was a hit shared by four different artists. Released at different times, the versions were inspired by the original, written by Paul Overstreet and Don Schlitz. Here, we look at Alison Krauss 1995 rendition, which peaked at number three on the Billboard Hot Country Singles & Tracks chart. Krauss won Single of the Year at the Country Music Awards that same year. For guitarists just starting, When You Say Nothing at All is a great song to learn. Place a capo on the first fret if you want to play along with the recording. The intro guitar part will require some easy fingerpicking. The pattern on the strings goes low to high. After that, switch over to strumming the chords. 60. Fallin by Alicia Keys GenrePopChordsEm and Bm7TabsFallin TabsFallin Was a young Alicia Keys debut single from her debut album Songs In A Minor. The song, released in 2001, has become one of her signature songs. It was highly acclaimed by critics and won three Grammy Awards, including Song of the Year, Best R&B Song, and Best Female R&B Vocal Performance. It also helped her earn a nomination for Record of the Year. Although Keys played piano, Fallin can be performed on guitar. In fact, its incredibly easy. The song requires two chords, Em and Bm7. The first chord should be familiar, but the second might be new. Study the chord diagram and practice this new chord shape. This chord appears in many R&B songs, so it is best to be introduced. 61. Paperback Writer TabsThe backstory behind Paperback Writer is trivial. Paul McCartney wrote the song while remembering what his Aunt Lil asked him. She pressed the singer, Why do you always write songs about love all the time? Cant you ever write about a horse or the summit conference or something interesting? Sitting backstage at a concert, McCartney saw Ringo Starr reading a book. Hence, Paperback Writer. Its not surprising that we see a lot of Beatles songs on our lists of easy guitar songs. Paperback Writer reminds us why. The song should be one of the first songs you learn as a budding guitarist. 62. High and Dry by Radiohead GenreRockChordsF#m11, Asus2, E, Esus4, G#, and F#TabsHigh and Dry TabsHigh second album, The Bends in 1995 and included the too Rod Stewart song as a single. It saw modest success then but has since grown a cult following. Impress your friends by learning this mildly deep Radiohead cut. Grab your acoustic guitar, and let us study the chords. The song has some unique-sounding chords. They will make you sound like a sophisticated guitarist. Try playing the intro riff with octaves when youve mastered the verse and chorus. 63. Give Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance by John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance By John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance By John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance By John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance By John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance By John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance By John Lennon GenreRockChordsC and GTabsGive Peace a Chance By John Lennon GenreRock Looking at it in 2023, we realize that that is unfair. Lennon is just as much to blame as other interpersonal conflicts. Following the split, Lennon wrote Give Peace a Chance with Ono. The song became an anthem during the vietnam War in 1969 and is used continuously to portray anti-war sentiment. The song above is one of the easiest songs to learn on guitar. It requires two chords. The simple progression makes it perfect for the absolute beginner. Many guitar teachers will give students exercises such as switching between two chords. Knowing they are playing real music like this song, the student will be more motivated to practice. 64. I Have a Dream by ABBA GenrePopChordsA, E, and DTabsI Have a Dream TabsI Have a Dream was a single released by the Swedish pop group ABBA. The song was their sixth single from 1979s Voulez-Vous. Written by Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus and sung by Anni-Frid Lyngstad, the single from 1979s Voulez-Vous. featured in the musical Mamma Mia! for which the two songwriters composed the music. You should be able to knock I Have a Dream out of the park. There are only three open chords. The strumming pattern is simple and follows a strict beat. If you have difficulty playing the rhythm, practice saying the pattern: Down Down-Up. Then mimic the strumming while you say it. Strike the strings and play the chords, and youve got it. 65. Royals by Lorde GenrePopChordsD, C, and GTabsRoyals TabsNew Zealand singer Ella Marija Lani Yelich-OConnor is better known by her stage name, Lorde. In 2012, she released Royals on The Love Club EP. She included the song the following year on her debut album Pure Heroine. Widely considered an anthem for millennials, the song mocks the sumptuous lifestyles portrayed by pop and hip-hop artists. The single sold ten million units worldwide, christening it as one of the best-selling singles of all time. Denounce the 1% by learning this song. It can be effortlessly done. The song calls for three basic open chords. Review the chord shapes and practice switching between them. Once comfortable, take a look at the strumming pattern. The pattern requires a few syncopated accents. Listen to the song and get it in your ear before you attempt to play it. 66. Id Rather Go Blind by Etta James GenreBluesChordsA and BmTabsId Rather Go Blind TabsIn the mid-60s, Etta James visited her friend Ellington Fugi Jordan in prison. She heard him working on a song and took it home to write the rest. The material became the blues song Id Rather Go Blind. Recorded at the renowned FAME Studios in Muscle Shoals, Alabama, the song reached number 10 on the Billboard R&B charts and 23 on the Hot 100.You could probably play this song with your eyes closed. There are only two chords you need. The A chord should be easy, but the Bm might cause trouble. Press your pointer finger down hard at the second fret, and press down only the strings necessary. Use the weight of your arm to help add pressure. 67. Break On Through by The Doors GenreRockChordsEm and DTabsBreak On Through TabsDuring the late 60s, hippie counter-culture was becoming mainstream. Peace and love sentiment influenced many of the great bands at the time, and so did drugs. In 1967, the Doors released Break On Through TabsDuring the late 60s, hippie counter-culture was becoming mainstream.

impact on record sales, it became a staple at their live shows. Break On Through (To The Other Side) of your guitar playing after learning this classic rock essential. Consider this a gateway song because it requests only two chords. Practice switching between the chords slowly. Dont rush. Watch your left hand and fingers. Move intentionally. When we learn things slowly, we can monitor bad habits forming. You do not want to go to guitar rehab. 68. Songbird by Oasis GenreRockChordsG, G/F#, and EmTabsSongbird TabsMost people know Oasis from their mega-popular song Wonderwall. On their fifth studio album Heathen Chemistry, released in 2003, critics heralded a different song, Songbird. Liam Gallagher was praised for his superb songwriting; one writer even called it the most compelling song on the album. Written as a tribute to his then-fiancee Nicole Appleton, it was one of the songwriters simplest and brightest songs he had ever written. Learn this lesser-known easy Oasis song before you learn Wonderwall. The songs chords, with a cool bass movement, are easy to play. After you play your basic open G chord, shift the lowest note down a fret. Then switch to Em. Then switch featured on a split single with the band the Fluid. Frontman Kurt Cobain contested its release stating that their version was weak. Nonetheless, it was released in a contract buyout deal that would launch the bands career. Kurt Cobain has never claimed to be a guitar hero. This is why many Nirvana songs are easy to play on guitar. Their version of Mollys Lips demands open chords G and C. Make sure you can switch between the two comfortably. You will see these chords D and GTabsWhat I Got TabsWhat I Go songwriter Bradley Nowell died from a heroin overdose. Their song What I Got, released posthumously, became a huge success in radio rotation, reaching number one on the Billboard Modern Rock Tracks chart. Rolling Stone magazine listed the song at 83 on their list of 100 Greatest Guitar Songs of All Time. Although the band struggled with drug addiction, the feel-good vibes of What I Got made everything seem okay. All you need is two chords. Be able to switch effortlessly between them while keeping the strumming pattern. This song may be challenging because the D chord uses three fingers. But put in the work, and you will be rewarded. 71. Closer by Ne-Yo GenrePopChordsEm, C5, C, and AmTabsCloser TabsWith the release of Closer in 2008, the American recording artist Ne-Yo pivoted to dance-pop. The song was more rhythmic and urban sounding than any other song depicts a growing attraction between a man and a woman. The song accounts for a burning desire to come closer to her. The song reached number seven on the Billboard Hot 100 and was featured in TV shows Gossip Girl and 90210. Learn this song with four simple chords. Three of them will be from your basic open chords. to power chords might be strange, so practice it carefully. Once you get it, youll become closer to becoming a guitar hero. 72. Tulsa Time by Eric Clapton GenreRockChordsA and E7TabsTulsa Time by Eric Clapton Genre nothing better to do than to wait out the storm, they spent a half-hour writing this two-chord song. While Eric Clapton was opening for Don Williams, he came across the song and was instantly transfixed. He wanted to record it right away, but not after Don Williams recorded his version first. Had mother nature not reared its ugly head, we would have never heard Tulsa Time. Like so many others on our list, this easy song only asks for two chords. Its another song for absolute beginners. Spend some time with Tulsa Time, and youll get it. 73. Lady in Black by Uriah Heep GenreRockChordsAm and GTabsLady in Black by Uriah single, written by the English rock band Uriah Heep, was written as a rock ballad and tells a story about a mysterious visit. Ken Hensley says the inspiration came from a vicars daughter when he was depressed. Although the song was never released as a single in the UK or US, it achieved great success in Germany and Russia.Sometimes all a songwriter needs is two chords. Lady in Black may not be well-known in America, but its a great song for beginner guitarists to learn. 74. Something in the Way by Nirvana GenreRockChordsEm and C/GTabsSomething in the Way TabsIf youve watched Showtimes recent TV series Yellowjackets, you heard this song. The song was featured in an episode. Its haunting sound played into the emotions of the storyline. Something in the Way, from Nirvanas 1991 album Nevermind, was never released as a single. That didnt stop it from appearing on the Billboard charts in 2022.Learn another great Nirvana song with only two chords. The Em chord should be memorized by now. The C/G, maybe not so much. Make things easier by thinking about the chord as a standard C chord, but put a finger on the third fret of the sixth string. You might need to rearrange your fingers, but it will become an easy chord to grab. 75. When Love Comes to Town by U2 GenreRockChordsE and ATabsWhen Love Comes to Town TabsFew people can forget that U2 tried to pull a fast one by including their album on an Apple iTunes update. No one asked for it. But before they thought this was a good idea, the Irish rock band recorded When Love Comes to Town with blues legend B.B. King. Released in 1989 on Rattle and Hum, the song reached number the top ten on the Irish Singles Chart, UK Singles Cha the recording to match the strumming pattern. It shouldnt be too hard to master; its only two freaking chords! My name is Chris and Ive had a passion for music eachers, gear heads, and music enthusiasts so we could provide highquality guitar and music-related content. Ive been playing guitar since I was 13 years old and am an avid collector. Amps, pedals, guitars, bass, drums, microphones, studio, and recording gear, I love it all. I was born and raised in Western Pennsylvania. My background is in Electrical Engineering, earning a Bachelors degree from Youngstown State University. With my engineering experience, Ive developed as a designer of guitar amplifiers and effects. A true passion of mine, Ive designed, built, and repaired a wide range of guitar amplifiers and effects. A true passion of mine, Ive designed, built, and repaired a wide range of guitar amplifiers and effects. Article Learning guitar can be a long, arduous process. However, this doesn't mean that you can't wow friends by playing simple songs as soon as you know some basic chords. In fact, this is a great idea for fostering your development as a guitarist getting confident playing basic songs will improve your sense of rhythm and help you develop confidence.[1] 1Learn a G major. Place your ring finger on the top string), on the third fret. Your middle finger goes a string below on the second fret. Then use your ring fingers, though it is harder to -4Learn an E major and minor. Place your second first of the G string. Finally, place your ring finger down on the second fret of the G string, the third string from the bottom.--0----0---Make an E-major chord by simply adding your index finger on the third string, first fret.[2] Advertisement 1Purchase a capo to make it easier to sing or adjust pitch. A capo clamps down on all six strings, allowing you to play these chords. This allows you to keep the same shape and play songs in any key. The following songs have a capo in them, but you can still play them without one. Note, however, that the songs will sound off-key from recorded versions. 2Play Boston's "Piece of Mind" with a capo on the ninth fret. This great little riff sounds good electric or acoustic. It has a fast rhythm to it -- one strum on the first and third chords, two on the second and forth. If you can throw in some muted notes, even better. Capo: 9thChord Shape Progression: Em - C - G - D3Play Beyonce's "If I Were a Boy." A slower tempo song, this sounds great on acoustic. Simply strum down four times on each chord. It is just a slower version of the Boston song. Capo: 11thChord Shape Progression: Em - C - G - D4Play Green Day's "When I Come Around." Simple and easy, play four strums on the first two chords. Then strum the third chord twice, once coming up with the pick. Then play the final chord four times. Capo: 11thChord Shape Progression: G - D - Em - C5Play Bon Jovi's "It's My Life." Play eight driving, quick strums on each chord, or four sets of up/down strumming. Keep this consistent beat (these are eighth notes) going.Capo: 8thChord Shape Progression: Em - C - G - D - Em - C - D6Play Bob Marley's "No Woman No Cry." This requires a simple reggae "up-stroke" pattern. Only play the chord by picking upwards, towards your face. As your hand comes back down, lift your fingers slightly off the chord so you get a muted "chick" as you strum down the guitar, towards your feet. Capo: 5thChord Shape Progression: G - D - Em - C - G - C - G - D7Play The Beatles "Let it Be." Just like Bon Jovi's song, you just need gentle, calm strums. For each measure ("1 and, 2 and, 3 and, 4 and, 1 and..."), you want to strum on the "1," pause, the strum twice for the "2 and." Play the "3," pause, then strum twice for the "4 and."Capo: 5thChord Shape Progression: Em - D - C - G - D - C - G - D Play Aerosmith's "Cryin'." The strumming is simple and basic -- three up/down strums for each chord. Capo: 2ndChord Shape Progression: G - D - Em - C - G - D - C.10Play John Denver's "Country Roads." Another simple, folksy strum pattern. At the beginning of every measure, just strum the top string of the chord to get a nice, bouncy feel to the song. Capo: 2ndChord Shape Progression: G - D - Em - C - G - D - C - G11Play Joan Osborne's "One of Us." This final song has a few nifty tricks in it to push your guitar skills, but you use all the same notes in your normal chords. When transitioning chords, simply keep the last three strings in place for 1 measure. So, going from the D to the Em, leave the bottom three strings as a D for the first strum of Em, then lift them. Capo: 2thChord Shape Progression: D - Em - C - G - D[3] Taylor Swift, Singer-Songwriter Practice diligently to improve your skills. "I have to practice to be good at guitar. I have to write 100 songs before I write the first good one." Advertisement Add New Question Why would I use a capo? A capo makes certain chords easier to play, because you can suddenly play barre chords as open chords. A G chord played as a D form above the seventh fret sounds bright, whereas a standard G form sounds full and mellow. Question How do I keep my fingers from getting sore? After you play guitar for a while your fingers will get used to it. Your fingers might only hurt for a little bit as a beginner; play less at the beginning, then slowly build up. Ask a Question Advertisement Thanks Thanks Advertisement This article was co-authored by Nate Savage is a professional guitarist with over 16 years of experience teaching guitar to students around the world. His YouTube channel, Guitareo, has over 450,000 subscribers. This article has been viewed 86,956 times. 15 Updated: May 15, 2025 Views:86,956 times. "I am just beginning to play and am having a lot of trouble with putting cords with songs. I know the cords but still have trouble strumming. 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