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Read This First

In 1989 I was a young, struggling guitar player. At that time, I estimate that I spent an average of three hours a day practicing. I wanted to learn how to play lead but I had no idea how to get started. In knew a little about scales from taking piano lessons. But I didn't know anything about the pentatonic or blues scales.

My favorite guitarists were Kirk Hammett, Eric Johson, Eric Clapton, Sean Lane, Yngwie Malmsteen and Stevie Ray Vaughan, among many others. I would watch in awe as they would fly across the fretboard hitting all the right notes. But I had no idea how they were doing it! So I continued to struggle...

Five years later, I received a full scholarship to study music at The University of Memphis. I signed up, worked hard and graduated with honors. I took a lot of theory classes including Music Theory I-IV, Aural Theory I-IV, Orchestration and Advanced Analysis where we would break down pieces like Beethoven's 5th symphony! And I can honestly say that it wasn't until about my senior year that I finally, "got it" when it comes to scales and how they relate to just about everything in music. Fast forward about eight years...

I wrote my first guitar course, Amazing Guitar Secrets[™] in 2005. It was heavy on theory and scales and my students loved it. It was one of the first guitar courses that really focused on teaching the fundamentals of music and not just a bunch of licks and chords. I followed up this course with four more multi-DVD, home-study courses: Blues Guitar Secrets, Acoustic Guitar Secrets, Lead Guitar Secrets and The Ultimate Guide To Chords.

One day I was sitting around playing my guitar. I was trying to come up with something "new." I'd been stuck in a rut for while and I needed something to get my creative juices flowing. So, I popped in a jam track and start just playing scales. I didn't try to do anything fancy. I just played scales and then tried to create a few licks. And something happened...

I realized that I was playing these sweet little licks that sounded great. I mean, it wasn't like you would have said, "WOW!" or anything. It was just cool to play a few licks that really added to the music. And the most important part? I was having a BLAST!

BUT, I began to wonder if it was just a "fluke" or if I'd stumbled upon a real technique for creating solos. So, I changed the jam track to another song. And I started the whole process over again. I found that right scale and then tried to create a nice sounding lick with just a three or four notes. Once it started sounding good, I tried to expand it a little to turn it into a full-blown solo. And it worked!

So, I called up my camera guy and said, "Dude, I think I'm on to something. We need to video tape this stuff!" So, he grabbed his gear and headed over to my house. Three hours later, we had the whole thing on tape! It was amazing how easy it all just "flowed."

What you now hold in your hand has the power to completely change your playing. I've given you everything you need to be successful. The rest is up to you. So, make a firm commitment today to apply what you're about to learn. Because remember... the better you get, the more it is to play. So, go grab your guitar and get busy!

Cheers,

Dan Denley
Author of Creating Simple Solos™

How To Use This Course

- **Step 1:** Get familiar with the pentatonic scales. I've given you all five positions of the pentatonic minor and major scale. Play through these and be familiar with each pattern.
- **Step 2:** Start watching the video lessons. Be sure to have the book handy so you can follow along with the examples.
- **Step 3:** Try to learn each solo lick from the tab provided. After you watch the video and get the idea of how to use the licks over the jam tracks, stop the video and try to play the licks over the jam tracks. This is where it gets fun!
- **Step 4:** After you've watched all the video and you get the gist of how to create simple licks from scale move on to the jam tracks on your own. Play each track and use the provided scale to create your licks and solos!

Pentatonic MINOR Scale

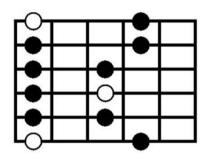
IMPORTANT NOTE #1: I've given this scale to you in F# minor. Note that the patterns of the scale are *movable*. In other words, if you start the position one on the third fret, 6th string you'll be playing G minor pentatonic. If you start on the 5th fret you'll be playing A minor pentatonic. If you move it up to the 6th fret you'll be playing Bb minor pentatonic and so-on and so-forth.

IMPORTANT NOTE #2: Once you've memorized the patterns for pentatonic minor scale, you'll automatically know the patterns for pentatonic major too! The only difference is the position *name*. Here's how they're related...

Pentatonic MINOR		Pentatonic MAJOR
Position 1	=	Position 5
Position 2	=	Position 1
Position 3	=	Position 2
Position 4	=	Position 3
Position 5	=	Position 4

F# Pentatonic Minor

Movable Pattern 1

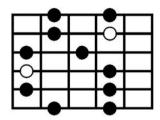


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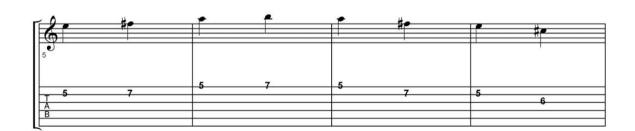




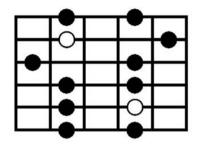


F# Pentatonic Minor, 2nd Position







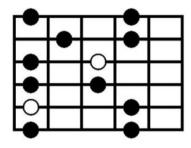


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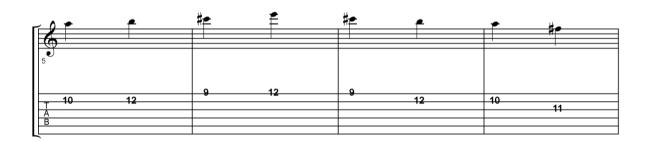


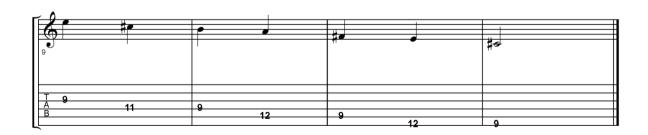


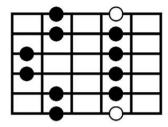


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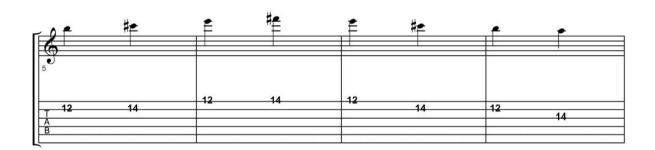






F# Pentatonic Minor, 5th position







Pentatonic MAJOR Scale

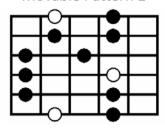
IMPORTANT NOTE #1: I've given this scale to you in A major. Note that the patterns of the scale are *movable*. In other words, if you start the position one on the third fret, 6th string you'll be playing G major pentatonic. If you start on the 5th fret you'll be playing A major pentatonic. If you move it up to the 6th fret you'll be playing Bb major pentatonic and so-on and so-forth.

IMPORTANT NOTE #2: Once you've memorized the patterns for pentatonic major scale, you'll automatically know the patterns for pentatonic major too! The only difference is the position *name*. Here's how they're related...

Pentatonic MINOR		Pentatonic MAJOR
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A Pentatonic Major

Movable Pattern 1

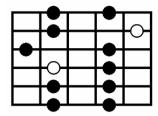


A Pentatonic Major, 1st position



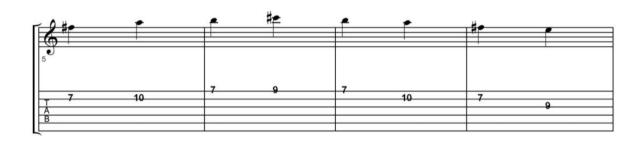




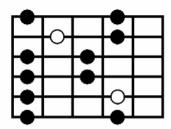


A Pentatonic Major, 2nd position









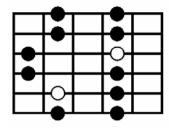
A Pentatonic Major, 3rd position







Movable Pattern 4

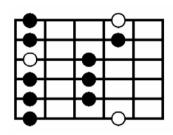


A Pentatonic Major, 4th position









A Pentatonic Major, 5th position







Tab For Video Lessons

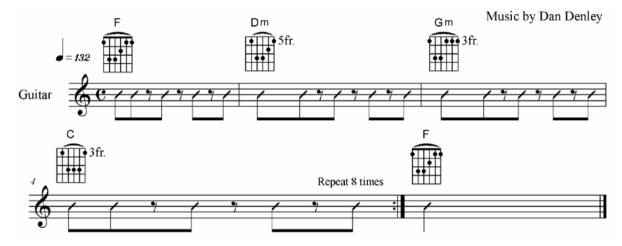


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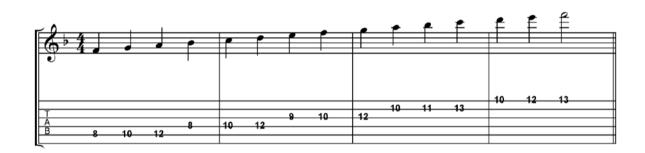
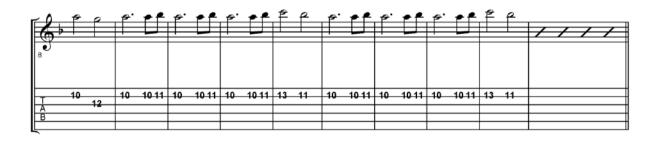
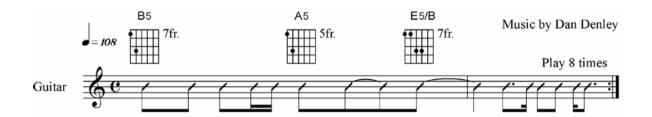


Figure 2: Sample solo. Use jam track 1.







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Figure 3: Use jam track 2.

B Mixolydian (5th mode of E)

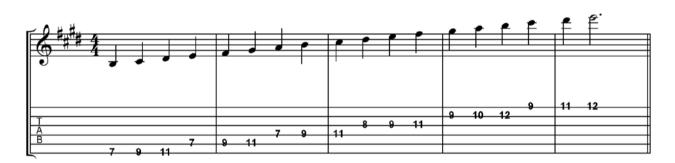


Figure 4: Sample solo. Use jam track 2.

B Mixolydian (5th mode of E)

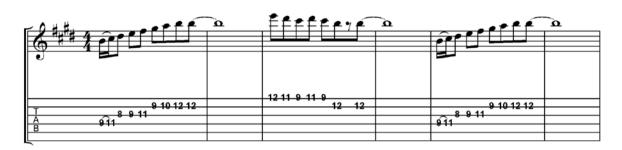






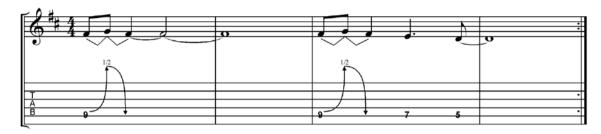


Figure 5: D major scale. Use jam track 3.

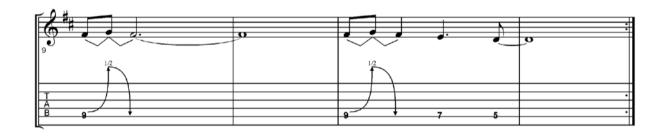


Figure 6: Sample solo. Use jam track 3.

D Major









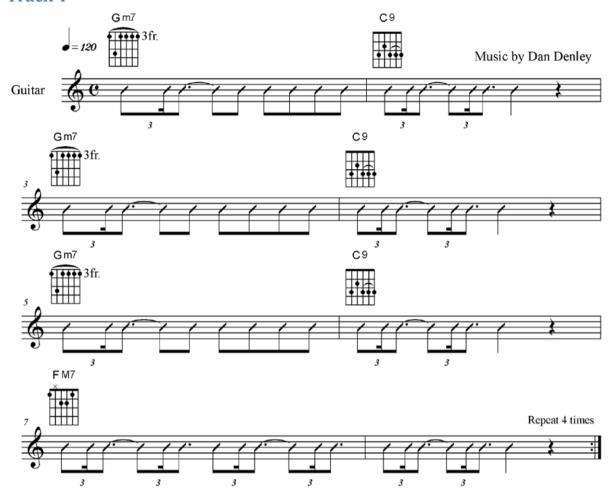


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Bb Lydian (4th mode of F)



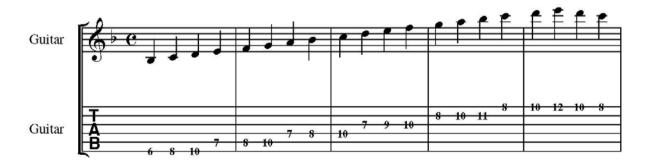


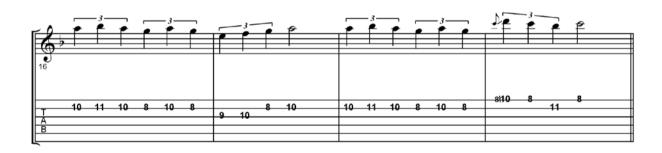
Figure 8: Sample solo. Use jam track 4.

Licks in Bb Lydian (4th mode of F)









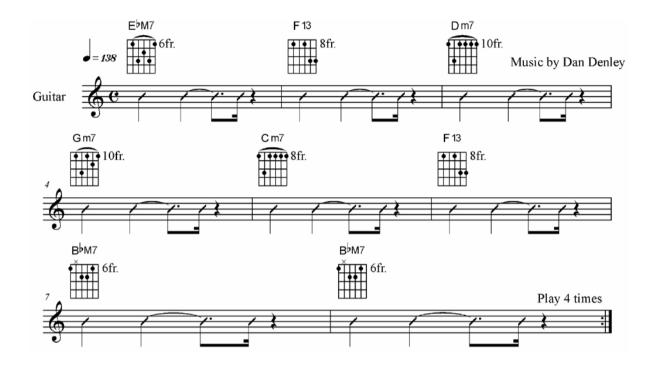


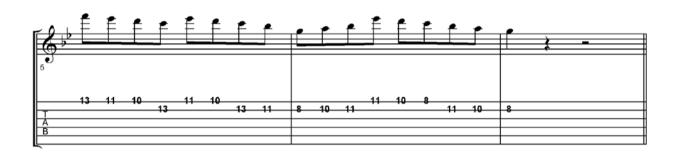
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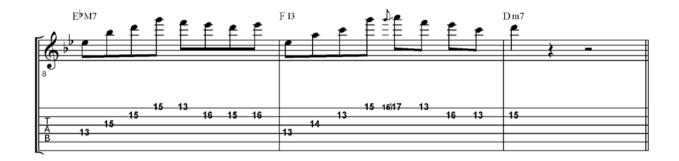




Figure 10: Sample solo. Use jam track 5.







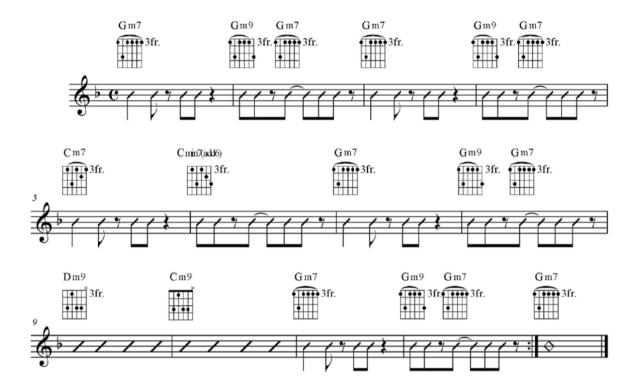
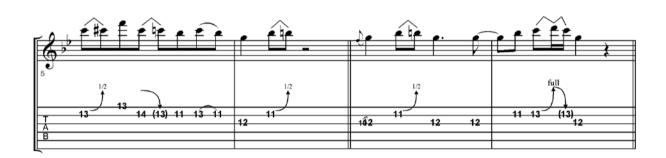


Figure 11: Solo licks in G pent. min. Use jam track 6..





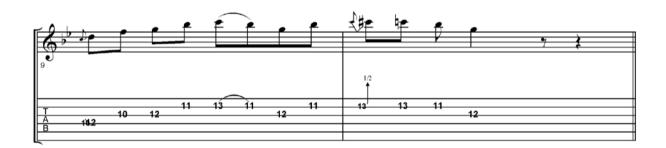


Figure 12: Solo licks in G pent. min. (cont.) Use jam track 6.



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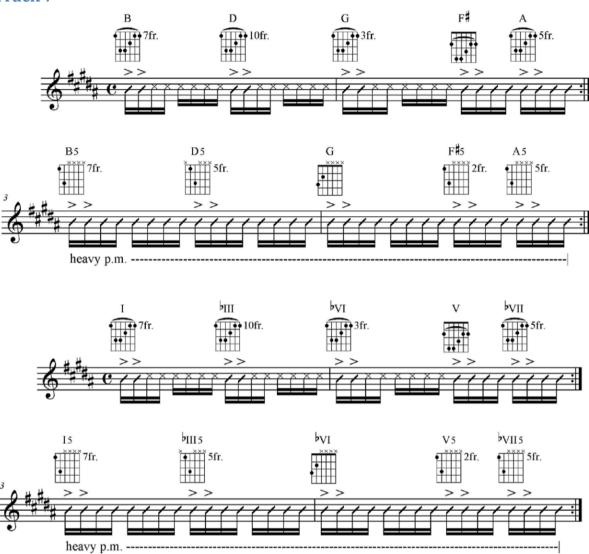
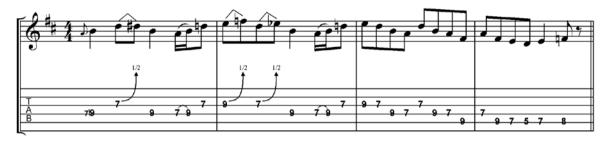
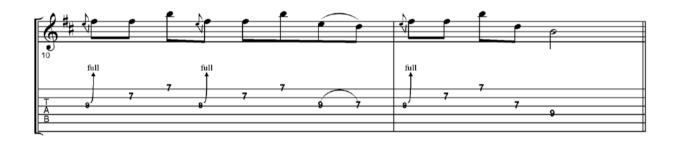


Figure 13: Solo licks in B pent. min. Use jam track 7.







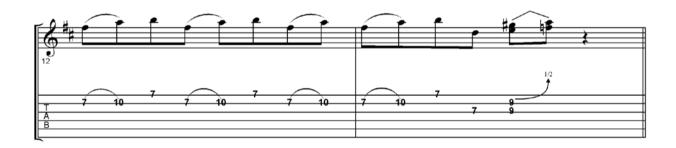
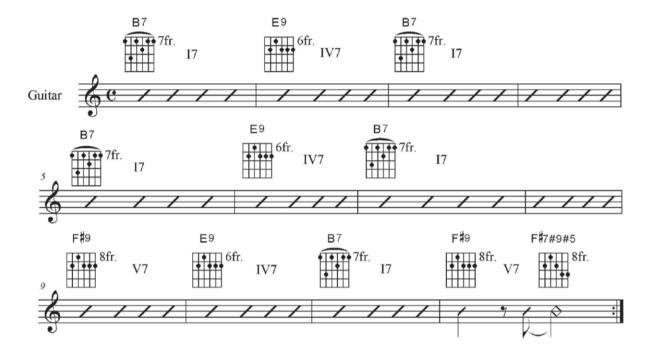


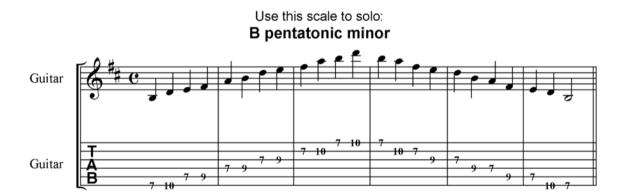
Figure 14: Solo licks in B pent. min. (cont.) Use jam track 7.



Jam Tracks

Use the following jam tracks and scales to create your own solos using the skills you developed during the video training section of the course.



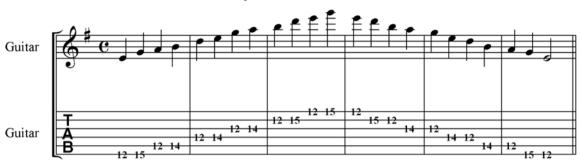


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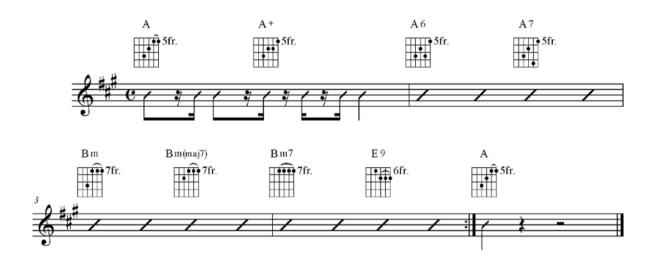
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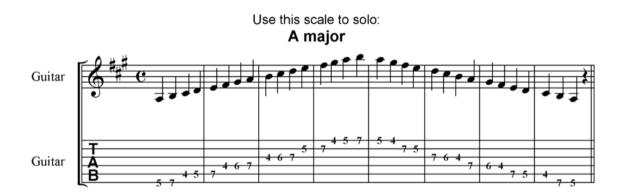
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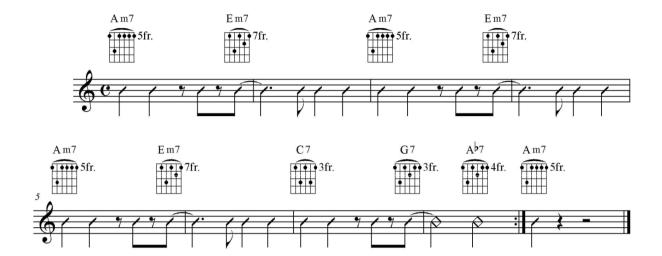


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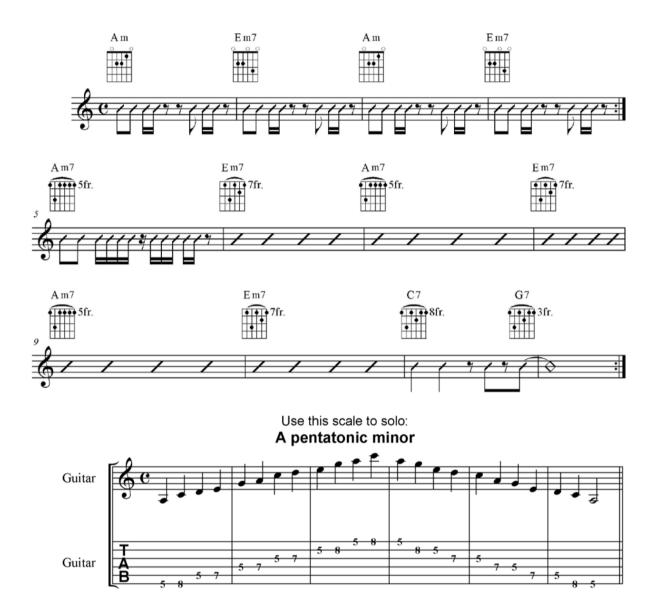


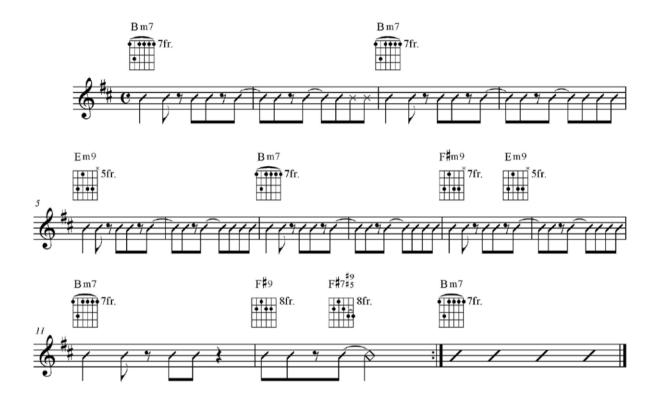


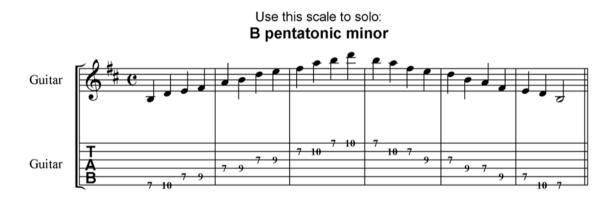




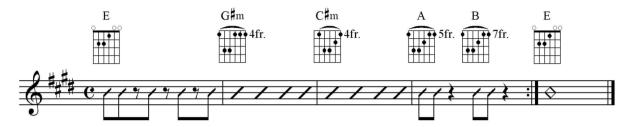
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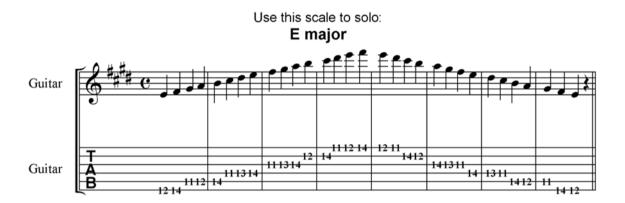




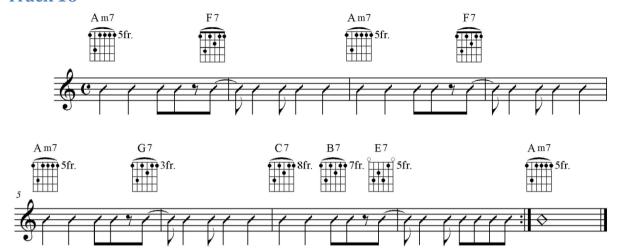


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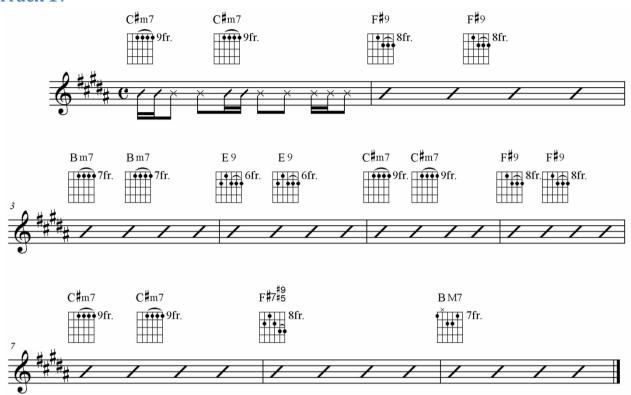
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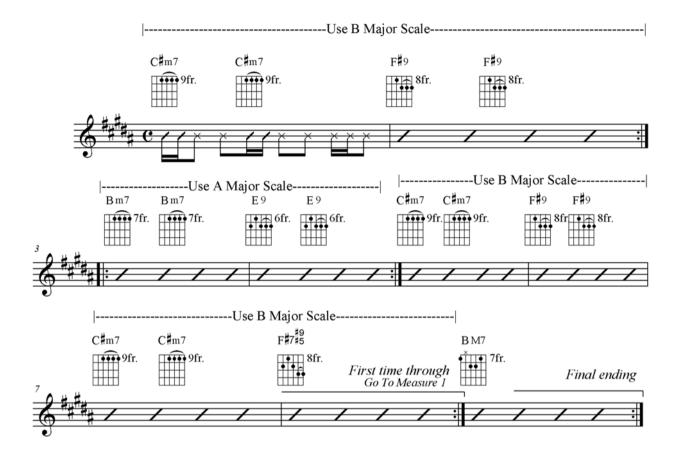


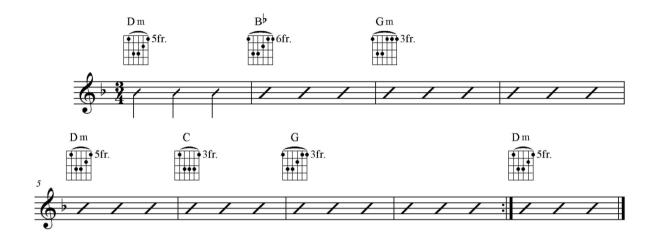
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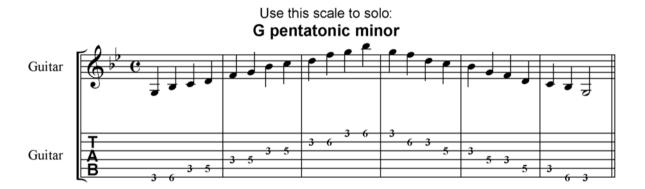
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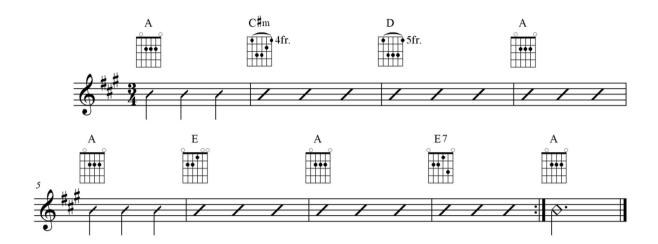


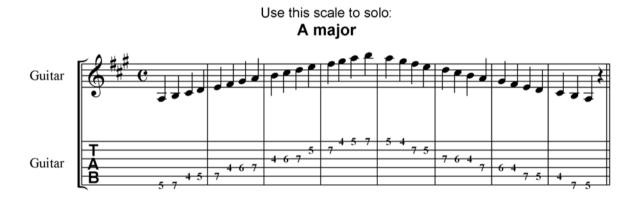


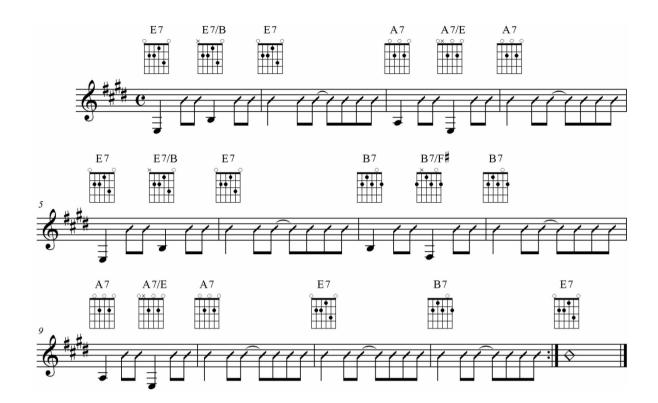


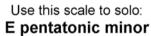




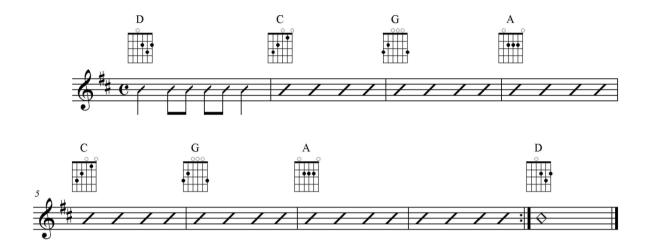






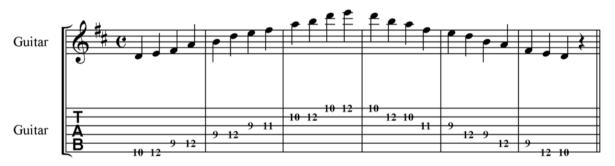


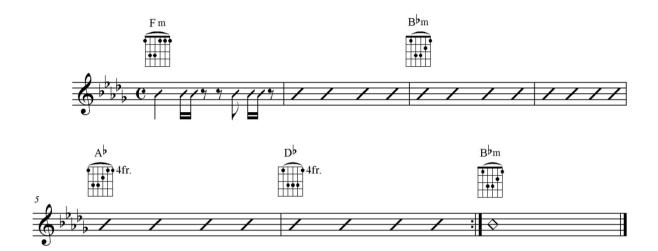
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Use this scale to solo:

D major pentatonic





Use this scale to solo:

Bb minor



Additional Resources

Amazing Guitar Secrets

Learn the fundamental of good guitar technique. Theory includes open-position chords, barre chords, 7th, major and minor scales, solo techniques and improvisation.

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Lead Guitar Secrets

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Ultimate Guide To Chords

A step-by-step approach to learning chords and chord progressions. Learn the roman numeral system for guitar and how it's applied to much of all styles. Everything you ever wanted know about chords and how they're used in real songs.



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