

Crossroads Guitar Tabs and Chords

Hey there, I hope you enjoyed the lesson on Crossroads, and are getting a liking for the blues. Now this song is pretty straight forward, once you learn the licks you'll be set to go. Take your time though, this is a fast paced song, so just start out slowly, and speed up as you can. Also, make sure you learn the portion on the [12 bar blues form](#), it'll really come in handy in lots of other songs, and improvisation as well.

Keep in mind that in the blues, you usually play 7th chords, so instead of the simple A D and E chords, play A7, D7 and E7 if you are playing a rhythm guitar part.

If you missed the video guitar lesson, make sure you watch it here:

<http://www.theguitarlesson.com/premium-guitar-lessons/electric-guitar/crossroads-guitar-lesson-eric-clapton-cream>

12 Bar Blues Progression



A guitar tab diagram for a 12-bar blues progression. The strings are labeled E, B, G, D, A, E from top to bottom. The progression is as follows:

Bar	Chord
1	A
2	A
3	A
4	A
5	D
6	D
7	A
8	A
9	E
10	D
11	A
12	A

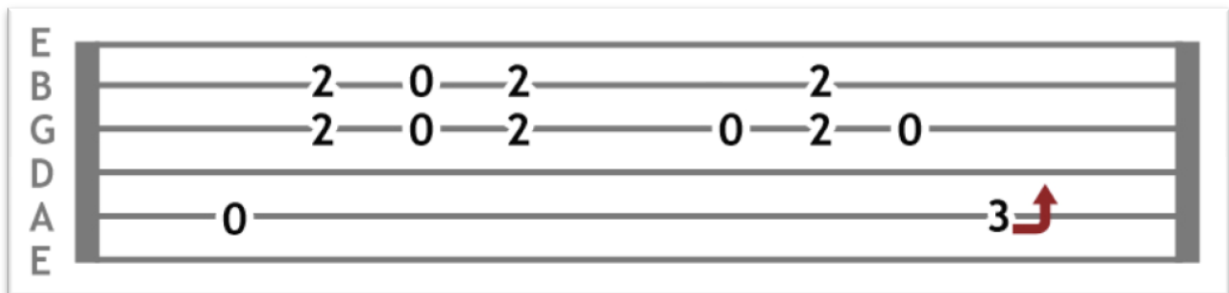


A chord diagram for a 12 bar blues progression. The strings are labeled E, B, G, D, A, E from top to bottom. The progression is as follows:

Bar	Chord
1	I = A
2	IV = D
3	V = E

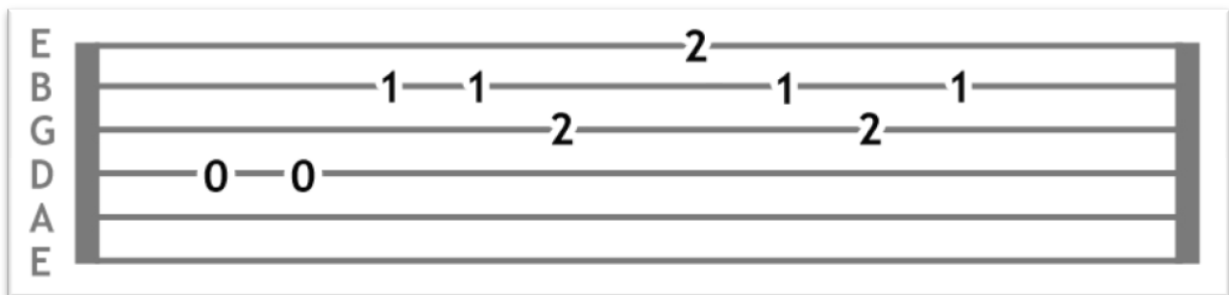
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Riff 1 – A7 chord

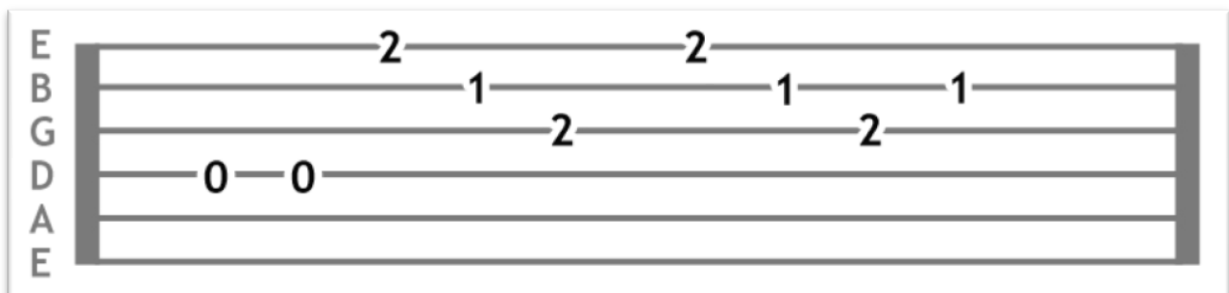


A guitar tab for the A7 chord riff. The strings are labeled E, B, G, D, A, E from top to bottom. The notes are: E2 (2), B2 (0), G2 (2), D3 (0), A3 (2), E3 (0). The A string has a 0 at the beginning and a 3 with a red arrow pointing up at the end.

Riff 2 – D7 chord

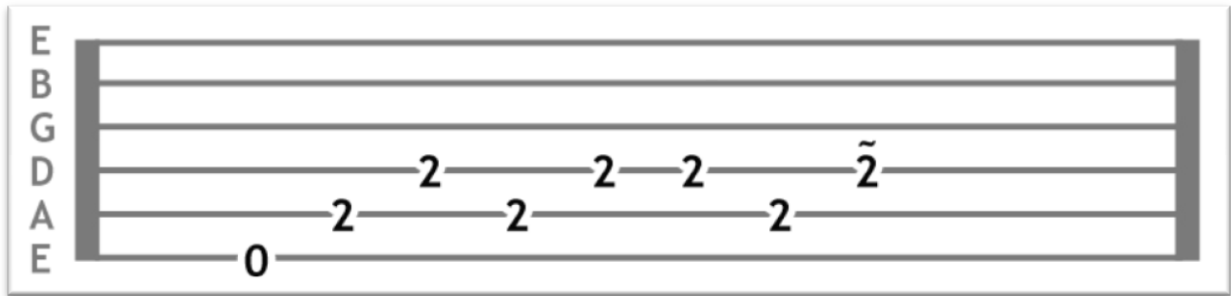
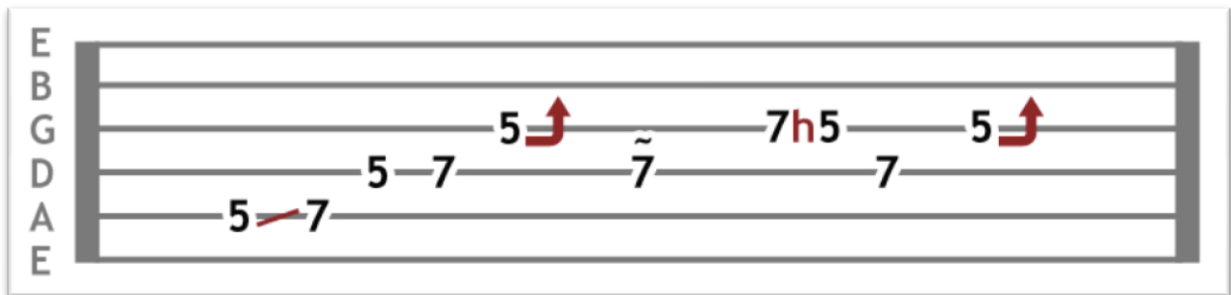


A guitar tab for the D7 chord riff. The strings are labeled E, B, G, D, A, E from top to bottom. The notes are: E2 (1), B2 (1), G2 (2), D3 (1), A3 (1), E3 (0). The D string has a 0 at the beginning and a 2 at the end.

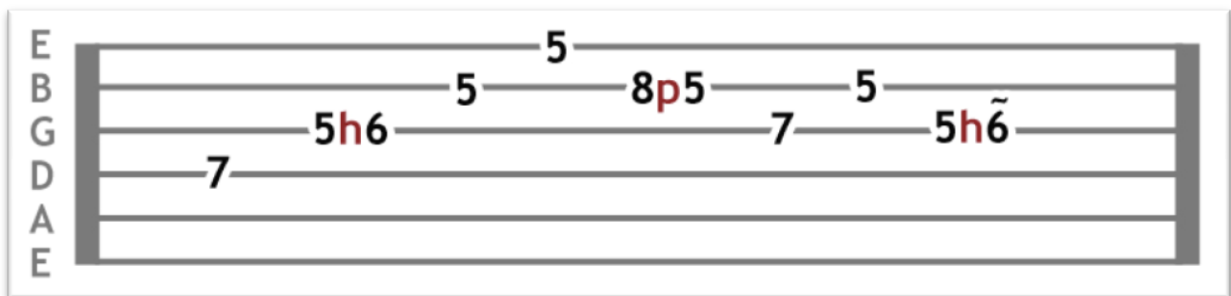
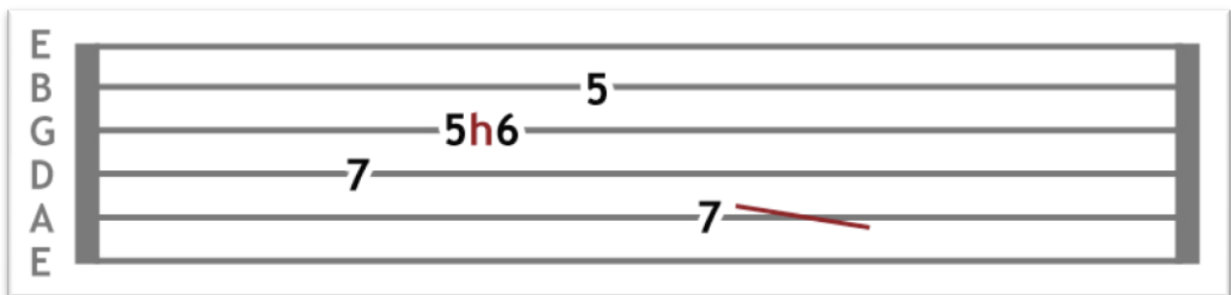


A guitar tab for the D7 chord riff. The strings are labeled E, B, G, D, A, E from top to bottom. The notes are: E2 (2), B2 (1), G2 (2), D3 (1), A3 (1), E3 (0). The D string has a 0 at the beginning and a 2 at the end.

Riff 3 - E7 chord

Riff 4 - Turnaround



Have fun, practice a lot and I'll see you in the next lesson!

Tom Fontana

And remember:

- Check out the rest of our [beginner guitar lessons](#) as well, all of our [guitar lessons on songs](#) were designed to improve your guitar skills through playing popular songs.
- When you feel like learning a bit more theory, have a look at the [guitar theory](#) section of the site.
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