

# Learn Electric Guitar from Scratch

A complete beginner course to play songs, solos, and understand music theory with step-by-step video lessons.

**Guitar** Instructor: Ethan Brooks • 5 sections • 51 lessons • 17.00h total

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## About this course

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Starting to learn electric guitar can feel confusing with so many techniques and resources out there. This course removes the guesswork and gives you a clear path from absolute beginner to confident player. You'll build a solid foundation without any prior experience needed.

We'll cover everything from basic chords and scales to playing your first songs and simple solos. The lessons include video demonstrations, real song case studies, and practical exercises to help you progress quickly and avoid common mistakes.

## Course curriculum

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### Foundations and Preparation

- **Welcome and How This Course Works (8m)**  
Get an overview of the course structure and set realistic goals for your guitar learning journey.
- **Anatomy of an Electric Guitar and Gear Basics (12m)**  
Learn the parts of your guitar and what essential gear you need to start playing, like an amp and cables.
- **Holding the Guitar and Posture for Comfort (10m)**  
Step-by-step guide on proper posture to avoid strain and make playing easier from the start.
- **Tuning Your Guitar with a Tuner App (8m)**  
Practical session to tune your guitar accurately using a free tuner app, a skill you'll use every time you play.
- **Basic Finger Exercises for Dexterity (15m)**  
Build finger strength and coordination with simple exercises that prepare you for chords and scales.
- **Reading Tablature and Chord Diagrams (18m)**  
Demystify guitar notation so you can follow lessons and learn songs from tabs and chord charts.
- **Your First Open Chords: A, D, and E (25m)**  
Learn three essential chords with finger placement tips and strumming patterns to play simple progressions.
- **Introduction to the D Minor Scale (22m)**  
Step-by-step guide to playing the D Minor scale in open position, with finger placement and practice tips.

### Core Concepts

- **Strumming Patterns and Rhythm Basics (20m)**  
Develop a sense of rhythm with common strumming patterns used in rock and pop music.
- **Power Chords for a Heavier Sound (15m)**  
Learn the two-finger power chords that are the backbone of rock and punk guitar playing.
- **The Minor Pentatonic Scale (22m)**  
Master this versatile scale used in blues, rock, and pop solos with a simple box pattern.
- **Alternate Picking Technique (18m)**  
Improve your picking speed and accuracy with this fundamental technique for playing notes cleanly.
- **Playing with a Metronome (12m)**  
Use a metronome to build timing and consistency, a key habit for all guitarists.
- **Bending and Vibrato Basics (20m)**  
Add expression to your playing by learning how to bend notes and apply vibrato smoothly.
- **More Open Chords: G, C, and F (25m)**  
Expand your chord vocabulary with these common shapes and practice transitioning between them.
- **Introduction to Blues Progressions (18m)**  
Learn the 12-bar blues structure and play along with a simple backing track.

- **Hammer-ons and Pull-offs (15m)**  
Create smoother lines by connecting notes without picking each one separately.
- **Using a Guitar Amp and Basic Effects (22m)**  
Set up your amp and explore effects like distortion and reverb to shape your guitar tone.

## Deep Dive

- **Music Theory for Guitarists: Keys and Scales (25m)**  
Understand how keys work and why certain scales fit together, giving you a framework for writing and soloing.
- **The Major Scale and Its Patterns (22m)**  
Learn the major scale in different positions to navigate the fretboard with confidence.
- **Modes Explained for Practical Use (30m)**  
Break down modes like Ionian and Dorian and hear how they change the mood of your playing.
- **Advanced Strumming and Syncopation (18m)**  
Tackle more complex rhythms and syncopated patterns to play funk and reggae styles.
- **Fingerpicking Patterns for Acoustic Feel (20m)**  
Apply fingerpicking techniques to electric guitar for a softer, melodic sound.
- **Improvisation Basics: Creating Solos (28m)**  
Use scales and licks to start improvising over a simple chord progression with guided exercises.
- **Playing in Different Genres: Rock, Blues, Pop (22m)**  
Explore genre-specific techniques and tones through examples and case studies.
- **Ear Training: Recognizing Intervals and Chords (15m)**  
Train your ear to identify notes and chords by sound, a skill that speeds up learning songs.

## Advanced Application

- **Soloing Techniques: Phrasing and Dynamics (25m)**  
Learn how to build solos that tell a story by focusing on phrasing and volume control.
- **Advanced Chord Voicings and Inversions (22m)**  
Expand your chord knowledge with jazz and blues voicings for richer sounds.
- **Jazz Chords and ii-V-I Progressions (30m)**  
Introduce jazz harmony with common chord shapes and progressions used in standards.
- **Slide Guitar Introduction (18m)**  
Get started with slide guitar basics for blues and country styles.
- **Recording Your Guitar at Home (20m)**  
Set up a simple home recording environment to capture your playing with free software.
- **Playing with Backing Tracks (15m)**  
Practice improvisation and timing by jamming along with professional backing tracks.
- **Learning Songs by Ear (25m)**  
Develop your ear further by figuring out melodies and chords from recordings step-by-step.
- **Stage Performance Tips for Beginners (18m)**  
Build confidence for playing in front of others with practical stage presence advice.
- **Band Dynamics: Playing with Others (22m)**  
Learn how to listen, lock in with a drummer, and communicate musically in a group setting.

- **Creating Your Own Riffs and Licks (20m)**  
Use music theory and experimentation to write original guitar parts for songs.
- **Guitar Maintenance and Basic Setup (15m)**  
Keep your guitar in good shape with cleaning, string changes, and truss rod adjustments.
- **Exploring Different Amp and Pedal Settings (22m)**  
Dial in various tones for clean, crunch, and lead sounds using amp settings and common pedals.

## Implementation & Next Steps

- **Building a Consistent Practice Routine (18m)**  
Design a daily practice schedule that balances technique, theory, and fun to keep you progressing.
- **Setting and Tracking Musical Goals (12m)**  
Define clear short-term and long-term goals to stay motivated and measure your improvement.
- **Advanced Scales: Harmonic Minor and More (25m)**  
Expand your scale knowledge with harmonic minor for exotic sounds in solos.
- **Advanced Techniques: Tapping and Sweep Picking (32m)**  
Introduce flashy techniques used in metal and progressive rock with safe practice methods.
- **Genre Study: Deep Dive into Rock (22m)**  
Analyze classic rock songs to learn riffs, solos, and tones from artists like Led Zeppelin.
- **Genre Study: Deep Dive into Blues (20m)**  
Study blues legends to understand feel, bending, and improvisation in a 12-bar context.
- **Genre Study: Deep Dive into Jazz (28m)**  
Explore jazz standards and chord melody arrangements for a more sophisticated approach.
- **Genre Study: Deep Dive into Pop (18m)**  
Break down pop guitar parts to learn catchy hooks and rhythmic patterns from modern hits.
- **Genre Study: Deep Dive into Metal (25m)**  
Tackle heavy riffs, palm muting, and fast picking techniques from metal subgenres.
- **Developing Your Own Style (20m)**  
Combine influences and techniques to create a unique sound that represents you as a guitarist.
- **Online Resources and Learning Communities (12m)**  
Find helpful websites, forums, and apps to continue learning and connect with other guitarists.
- **How to Keep Growing as a Guitarist (15m)**  
Plan your next steps beyond this course, including advanced topics and potential performance opportunities.
- **Final Project: Record a Cover Song (30m)**  
Apply everything you've learned by recording a full cover song, from choosing the track to mixing the audio.

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