



GUITAR MAP (An overview of the 'ideal' guitar journey.)

Move from left to right. There is no timescale, it's not a race. Progress at your own pace and enjoy the journey!

	BEGINNER			INTERMEDIATE			ADVANCED	
1) FUNDAMENTALS	Learn How To Choose A Guitar	Use the correct gauge of strings	How To Use A Guitar Amp & Create The Tone You Want	Learn correct playing posture: straps, elbow position, thigh height, wrist & forearm placement, leg choice, foot lifting, guitar tilting & pitch.				
	Understand Guitar Anatomy - what the different bits do! (important for acoustics but ESSENTIAL for electric & bass guitars)	Learn how to correctly tune a guitar	Learn the Key Differences Between Rhythm, Lead and Bass Guitar	Learn how to strum correctly: beginner picks, using fingers, avoiding thumb plague, the correct way to use a pick.				
2) CHORDS	Asus, Am7, Cmaj7, Dsus2, Em, G6.	A, Am, A7, B7, Cadd9, Dmaj7, E7, Em7 (1-finger).	Learn all stepping-stone chords	Use 'chord surgery' for chord transitions	Amaj7, Bm7, C, D, D7, E, Em7 (4-finger), Emaj7, Fmaj7, G, G7	Moveable E shapes	Amaj7, Cm, Cm7, Gm7, F7, Fm7	Moveable G shapes
	Correct finger technique, 'tips vs pads' etc, thumb placement and finger nails	Demonstrate correct wrist positioning	Identify and correctly voice root notes	Learn correct technique for every strumming pattern (downstrokes v upstrokes)	C7, Dm, Dm7, Gmaj7, F B, Bm, F, Fm, Gm	Moveable A shapes	Moveable C shapes	Moveable D shapes
3) MUSICALITY	Understand The Fundamental Difference Between Downstrokes & Upstrokes	Take The Lesson 'How To Play The Perfect Strumming Pattern For Any Song'	Understand The Most Common Strumming Mistake That Beginner Guitarists Make	Appreciate The Importance of Skipping Strings (And How To Do It)	Understand the importance of voicing root notes.			
	Learn The 3 Steps To Perfect Strumming Technique For Beginner Guitarists	Use The Progress Accelerator: "Keep Strumming & Tidy Up As You Go"	Know Why You Must Miss Some Strums Out (& How To Do It)	Learn Mike's 3 Techniques That Will Help You Stay In Time				
4) SCALES 5) LEAD GUITAR	Major scale (1 octave), Minor scale (1 octave)	The C Major Scale (1 octave, open position)	The E Minor Pentatonic Scale (2 octaves, open position)	The A Minor Pentatonic Scale (1 octave, open position)	An Introduction To Blending Lead Guitar With Chords (Including Grace Notes)	The G Major Pentatonic (open position, 2 octaves)	Major scale (2 octave), Minor scale (2 octave), Minor Pentatonic (box 1)	How to build solos and create effortlessly cool licks.
				The A Natural Minor Scale (open position, 1 octave)	How To Blend Lead Guitar & Scales Into Chords (Part 2)	4 Easy Tips For Playing Blues Guitar	Blues scale, Minor Pentatonic and Major Pentatonic (2 octaves) box 1 and 5.	Learn boxes 2,3,4 of Major & Minor Scale.
6) DARK ARTS (Watch all these video lessons!)	Guitar Secrets Revealed: Welcome To The Secret Bunker!	How To Bring Things To Life With Hammer-Ons & Pull-Offs	Let There Be Rock: An Introduction To Powerchords	Understanding The Importance of Delivery & Performance	4 Roadie Tips: Straps, Harmonics, Pickslides & Feedback	Creating Epic Soundscapes With Suspended Chords	Boom! How To Create A Groove With Deadening & Syncopation	9 Ninja Tips For Strumming Like A Pro
7) THEORY	Understand the difference between notes and chords	Learn the notes of the musical alphabet	Understand the difference between major and minor chords	Understanding The Typical Structure of Songs (And Why It Matters For A Guitarist)	The major & minor scale patterns.	Understand the CAGED system	Understand chord construction	Building 7ths
	Learn How To Read Guitar Chordboxes	Know the Notes of The Musical Stave	Learn How To Understand Guitar Tablature ("Guitar Tab")	How To Learn The Fretboard Notes At Lightspeed Using 'Springboards'				