

NOVICE

This level is perfect for the complete novice, and someone just starting to play who knows one or two chords.

BEGINNER

This level is for people who have been playing for a little while on your own, and can strum a simple tune, fluidly, with basic chords (C, F, G7, Am, E7; haven't done B-flat well yet). You can move from one chord to another with ease and play a melody by reading simple tablature (the easy number system to read a melody line).

INTERMEDIATE

You know a variety of basic chords (A, Am, A7, C, C7, Em, B7, D7, E7, Gm, Dm, G7, Am7), and can easily make a B-flat shape; you can read tablature and play melodies; understand chord progressions (such as I , IV, V); you can learn chords and tunes quickly; and your playing has a steady rhythm and fluidity.

ADVANCED

You have mastered the Intermediate level and are ready for playing beyond the skills of Intermediate. This class evolves and consolidates your playing.

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