

The Ultimate Fingerpicking Pattern Cheat Sheet



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ULTIMATE FINGERPICKING PATTERNS PART 1 4-4

BASIC 4/4 PATTERN

Musical notation for the Basic 4/4 pattern. The top staff shows a treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. The first two measures are in the key of C major, and the last two are in the key of G major. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 0, 3, 3, 3.

4/4 ALTERNATING BASS PATTERN

Musical notation for the 4/4 Alternating Bass pattern. The top staff shows a treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. The first two measures are in the key of C major, the third is in D major, and the fourth is in G major. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 0, 3, 0, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 0, 0, 3, 0, 0, 3, 3, 3.

4/4 ARPEGGIO PATTERN

Musical notation for the 4/4 Arpeggio pattern. The top staff shows a treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. The first two measures are in the key of C major, and the last two are in the key of G major. The bottom staff shows guitar tablature with fret numbers 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 3.



4/4 REVERSE PATTERN

G **D**

TAB: 3 0 3 0 3 0 3 0 | 2 3 2 3 2 3 2 3

Am **Em**

TAB: 0 1 2 2 0 1 2 2 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

ON THE PRAIRE PATTERN

A **D** **E** **A**

TAB: 0 2 2 2 | 2 3 2 2 | 0 0 1 1 | 0 2 2 2

A **D** **E**

TAB: 0 2 2 2 | 2 3 2 2 | 0 1 0 0 | 0 2 4 0 2 4



4/4 ALTERNATE STRING PATTERN

Musical notation for the 4/4 Alternate String Pattern. The piece is in G major and consists of two measures. The first measure is in the Dm chord, and the second measure is in the C(add9) chord. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The guitar tablature below shows the fretting for each string (T, A, B) and includes fingerings (1, 2, 3) and a capo position of 3.

FOLK BALLAD PATTERN

Musical notation for the Folk Ballad Pattern. The piece is in G major and consists of two measures. The first measure is in the A chord, and the second measure is in the E chord. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The guitar tablature below shows the fretting for each string (T, A, B) and includes fingerings (1, 2).

FOLK-POP PATTERN

Musical notation for the Folk-Pop Pattern. The piece is in G major and consists of two measures. The first measure is in the A chord, and the second measure is in the E chord. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The guitar tablature below shows the fretting for each string (T, A, B) and includes fingerings (1, 2).

Musical notation for the Folk-Pop Pattern, continuing from the previous block. The piece is in G major and consists of two measures. The first measure is in the E chord, and the second measure is in the A chord. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The guitar tablature below shows the fretting for each string (T, A, B) and includes fingerings (1, 2).



EASY BOSSA PATTERN

(B - bass note C - chord)

B/C C B C C B C C B C

(Here's that same Easy Bossa Pattern using notation and chord)

Dm⁹

BASIC TRAVIS PICKING PATTERN

C

G



"BOXER" BY SIMON & GARFUNKLE INSPIRED PATTERN

C

C C/B Am

G F/C

C C



"LANDSLIDE" BY FLEETWOOD MAC INSPIRED PATTERN

C C/B (Em9)

Am C/B

"DUST IN THE WIND" BY KANSAS INSPIRED PATTERN

C G⁶/B

Am



3/4 TWO FINGER PATTERN - VERSION 1

Musical notation for 3/4 Two Finger Pattern - Version 1. The piece is in C major and 3/4 time. It consists of two measures. The first measure is in the C chord, and the second measure is in the G chord. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 3/4. The guitar tablature below shows the fretting for each note: C (0-3), G (0-3), and D (0-3).

3/4 ARPEGGIO PATTERN

Musical notation for 3/4 Arpeggio Pattern. The piece is in A minor and 3/4 time. It consists of two measures. The first measure is in the Am chord, and the second measure is in the G chord. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of no sharps or flats, and a time signature of 3/4. The guitar tablature below shows the fretting for each note: Am (0-2), G (0-3), and D (0-3).

3/4 TWO FINGER PATTERN - VERSION 2

Musical notation for 3/4 Two Finger Pattern - Version 2. The piece is in A minor and 3/4 time. It consists of two measures. The first measure is in the Am chord, and the second measure is in the G chord. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of no sharps or flats, and a time signature of 3/4. The guitar tablature below shows the fretting for each note: Am (0-2), G (0-3), and D (0-3).

Musical notation for 3/4 Two Finger Pattern - Version 3. The piece is in E major and 3/4 time. It consists of two measures. The first measure is in the E chord, and the second measure is in the G chord. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 3/4. The guitar tablature below shows the fretting for each note: E (0-2), G (0-3), and D (0-3).



BASIC 3/4 SPANISH PATTERN #1

E

T
A
B

3/4 SPANISH PATTERN #2

E

T
A
B

Am

T
A
B



3/4 FOLK PATTERN

A

T
A
B

E

T
A
B