

FINGER-PICKING EXERCISES

T = Thumb
 I = Index Finger
 M = Middle Finger
 Place I on 2nd string & M on 1st string
 (Alternately: I on 3rd and M on 2nd)

On C and A chords: thumb plays 5-4-6-4
 On E, F & G chords: thumb plays 6-4-6-4
 For D chord: either 4-3-5-3 or 5-4-5-4
 For Drop D tuning: 6-4-6-4

Practice each pattern slowly!

Practice patterns 1 – 9 first, then add more difficult patterns.

BEAT	1	&	2	&	3	&	4	&
Pattern 1	T		T		T		T	
2	T		T + M		T		T + M	
3	T		T + I		T		T + I	
4	T + M		T		T + M		T	
5	T + I		T		T + I		T	
6	T		T + M		T	I	T	
7	T		T + I		T	M	T	
8	T + M		T		T + I		T	
9	T + I		T		T + M		T	
10	T	M	T	I	T	M	T	
11	T	I	T	M	T	I	T	
12	T + M	I	T	M	T	I	T	
13	T + I	M	T	I	T		T	
14	T + I	M	T	I	T + M		T	
15	T		T + M	I	T	M	T	