



# Online Guitar Coaching

## **Where To Start Guide**

Do the following (use key of C major unless told otherwise):

- Practice 5 shapes
- Start to improvise in each shape
- Learn intervals (2nds and 3rds for starters)
- Start to improvise in each shape using intervals
- Learn triads
- Start to improvise using triads
- Learn chord tones
- Start to emphasize chord tones on beats 1 and 3
- Start to practice in other keys – you will find the shapes aren't quite in your mind when you have to shift them (similar to learning chords)
- Start to practice shapes starting from different strings (not always bottom to top)
- Start to apply some of the techniques from Guitar Techniques 101 to your soloing (eg. slides, bends)

For the above, you are going between the Fretboard Mastery 101 (concepts) and the Improvisation/Soloing 101 (practical application) – they follow a parallel path. For example, practice the 5 shapes then move to the 5 shapes topic in the Improv course.

The best advice we can give you is:

Take your time with each step and make sure you've mastered it before moving on. You want each idea to get into your long term memory. Putting too much information in your mind will prevent each idea from getting in your playing. Once you know a topic well, move on but continue to review each topic in your practising.

Best of Luck,  
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