

Slow Blues Harmonica Lessons, Licks, and Backing Tracks for Beginners

Are you a beginner harmonica player looking to learn how to play slow blues? You're in the right place! In this article, we'll provide you with everything you need to get started, including:



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- Easy-to-follow slow blues harmonica lessons
- A collection of essential slow blues harmonica licks
- High-quality backing tracks to practice with

Slow Blues Harmonica Lessons

Before we dive into the licks and backing tracks, let's start with a few basic slow blues harmonica lessons.

Lesson 1: The 12-Bar Blues Progression

The 12-bar blues progression is the foundation of slow blues music. It's a 12-bar chord progression that repeats throughout the song. The most

common 12-bar blues progression is:

I | I | I | I IV | IV | I | I V | IV | I | V

You can play this progression on the harmonica by using the following notes:

- I: 1 blow, 2 draw, 3 blow, 4 draw
- IV: 4 blow, 5 draw, 6 blow, 7 draw
- V: 6 blow, 7 draw, 8 blow, 9 draw

Lesson 2: Basic Blues Licks

Once you've mastered the 12-bar blues progression, you can start learning some basic blues licks. Here are a few to get you started:

- The "Jimmy Reed" lick: 2 draw, 3 blow, 4 draw, 5 blow
- The "Little Walter" lick: 4 blow, 5 draw, 6 blow, 5 draw, 4 blow
- The "Sonny Boy Williamson" lick: 4 blow, 5 draw, 6 blow, 7 draw, 8 blow, 7 draw, 6 blow, 5 draw

Lesson 3: Putting It All Together

Now that you know the 12-bar blues progression and some basic blues licks, you can start putting it all together. Here's a simple slow blues song that you can try playing:

I | I | I | I IV | IV | I | I V | IV | I | V

You can play this song by using the following licks:

- Intro: Jimmy Reed lick
- Verse 1: Little Walter lick
- Verse 2: Sonny Boy Williamson lick
- Chorus: Jimmy Reed lick

Slow Blues Harmonica Licks

Here's a collection of slow blues harmonica licks that you can use to improve your playing:

- The "Slow Blues Bend": 1 draw, 1 draw (bend down), 1 draw (release)
- The "Slow Blues Vibrato": 1 blow, 1 blow (vibrato)
- The "Slow Blues Trill": 1 blow, 1 draw (trill)
- The "Slow Blues Tongue Block": 2 blow, 3 blow, 4 blow, 5 blow
- The "Slow Blues Overblow": 6 blow, 7 blow, 8 blow, 9 blow

Slow Blues Harmonica Backing Tracks

Here's a collection of high-quality slow blues harmonica backing tracks that you can use to practice with:

- Slow Blues Backing Track 1
- Slow Blues Backing Track 2
- Slow Blues Backing Track 3
- Slow Blues Backing Track 4

- Slow Blues Backing Track 5

We hope this article has helped you get started with slow blues harmonica. With a little practice, you'll be playing like a pro in no time!



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