



Let's Play Blues

Minor Blues | Key of A

Easy Strum: D-D-U-U-D-U (12&,&4&)

Advanced Strum: D-M-U-U-M-M

**Before you start, get your [chord chart](#) + [key chord](#) chart.

**Play each numeral for a 4 count or 1x with D-M-U-U-M-M

**Memorize this 12 bar form.

12 Bar Blues Formula

Simplified form

I - IV - I - I

IV - IV - I - I

V - IV - I - V

With walk-down + turnaround

I - IV - I - I

IV - IV - I - I

V - bV- IV (*Walk-Down*)

I - IV - I - V (*Turn Around*)

12 Bar Blues | Key of A

Am - Dm - Am - Am

Dm - Dm - Am - Am

Em - Dm - Am - Em

With walk-down + turnaround

Am - Dm - Am - Am

Dm - Dm - Am - Am

Em - Ebm- Dm (*Walk-Down*)

Am - Dm - Am - Em (*Turn Around*)

Notes from Kevin:

- Practice this with easy chord shapes first. Refer to my [muting/chucking](#) tutorial for more on muted strums.
- Don't be afraid to play this progression 5-10x in a row. Build your confidence with the 12 bar form through lots of repetitions.
- Recommended metronome speeds - 70, 80, 90.
- Try both first position and barre chords to challenge your chording hand.

- **For further explanation of the walk down and turnaround, please review this [video tutorial](#).**
- **Record yourself playing the blues and tag @allforuke #letsplayblues on Instagram.**