



Let's Play Blues

Blues Riffs | Key of C

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

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

Blues Riffs

- 1.** A few **riffs** to get you started.
- 2.** Start simple - choose a few notes from the scale and experiment with different ways to play them.
- 3.** Incorporate hammer ons, pulls offs, bends and slides to add feel to these riffs.
- 4.** Create memorable themes with your riffs and return to those themes.
- 5.** Call and response is a good technique to incorporate. Play a riff, leave space, then play a riff in response.
- 6.** Experiment, have fun and the rewards are endless!

12 Bar Blues | Key of C

C7 - F7 - C7 - C7

F7 - F7 - C7 - C7

G7 - F7 - C7 - G7

With walk-down + turnaround

C7 - F7 - C7 - C7

F7 - F7 - C7 - C7

G7 - Gb7- F7 (*Walk-Down*)

C7 - F7 - C7 - G7 (*Turn Around*)

Note from Kevin: If you play ukulele with someone, try to have them play the blues progression while you practice your riffs, then trade off. This is a great way to jam with friends!