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Playing Dulcimer in a Room of Guitars - Advanced

Some chord basics ... how to hear chord changes ... visually recognizing guitarists' chords ... how to find the next chord in a song ... playing in "non-dulcimer" keys ... playing where the other instruments aren't, so you're adding something to the room ... playing fills ... approaches for playing solos.

Making the Most of your 1½ Fret - Advanced

New chords and voicings you didn't have before, and some things you can do with them. C, F, G7, D7, Gsus, Csus, Am, Dm, Gm7, D9, E+, A7+ ... stuff like that. Also, see how the 1½ fret can help you play together with other instruments and make you a better singer!

Chord Cadences - Intermediate

The most useful thing I got out of 5 years of piano lessons was the concept of chord progressions, or cadences. By the time I started playing guitar (and other instruments), this had taught me to understand the structure of songs. It's a powerful tool for understanding songs on the dulcimer.

Country Music - Intermediate

Mountain dulcimer is made for country music, and a number of well-known country performers play it. You'll learn how to make your dulcimer sound "country," pick up some classic licks, fills, and backup ideas, and learn how to apply all this to classic songs.

Songs That Will Impress Your Friends - Novice

A lot of landmark dulcimer tunes actually are fairly easy. You'll not only learn to play some classics (and earn bragging rights at home), but learn some dulcimer culture that you can share, too.

Barriers to Progress – Novice / Inter

Do you sometimes feel limited in your dulcimer abilities? When you listen to yourself, does it sound less beautiful or flowing than you would like? Do you wish you could be more comfortable playing within earshot of other people? Here's how to do more with your dulcimer, and have more fun doing it! We'll dig into things that hold some people back, and we'll work with some specific examples.

Dulcimer for the Next Generation – Beg / Inter

Though traditional music and folk songs are wonderful on the mountain dulcimer, you can just as easily play popular music of recent years, and it's just as wonderful.