

Styles & Genres



American Music: Blues 5: Blues "Licks"

IN BLUES, ROCK AND Bluegrass, a "lick" is a stock musical pattern or phrase which can be used in between lines of a song or to make up an improvised solo. You can actually buy books full of licks. I've put together a selection of licks in A, D

and E, from which I want you to try to construct a solo. When the chord being played is A, use the A licks; when it's D, use D licks, and E, E licks. Try it on a blues in A such as *Rocky Road Blues*, *Tennessee Blues*, or *Pike County Breakdown*.

Blues Licks in A

Blues Licks in D

Blues Licks in E