

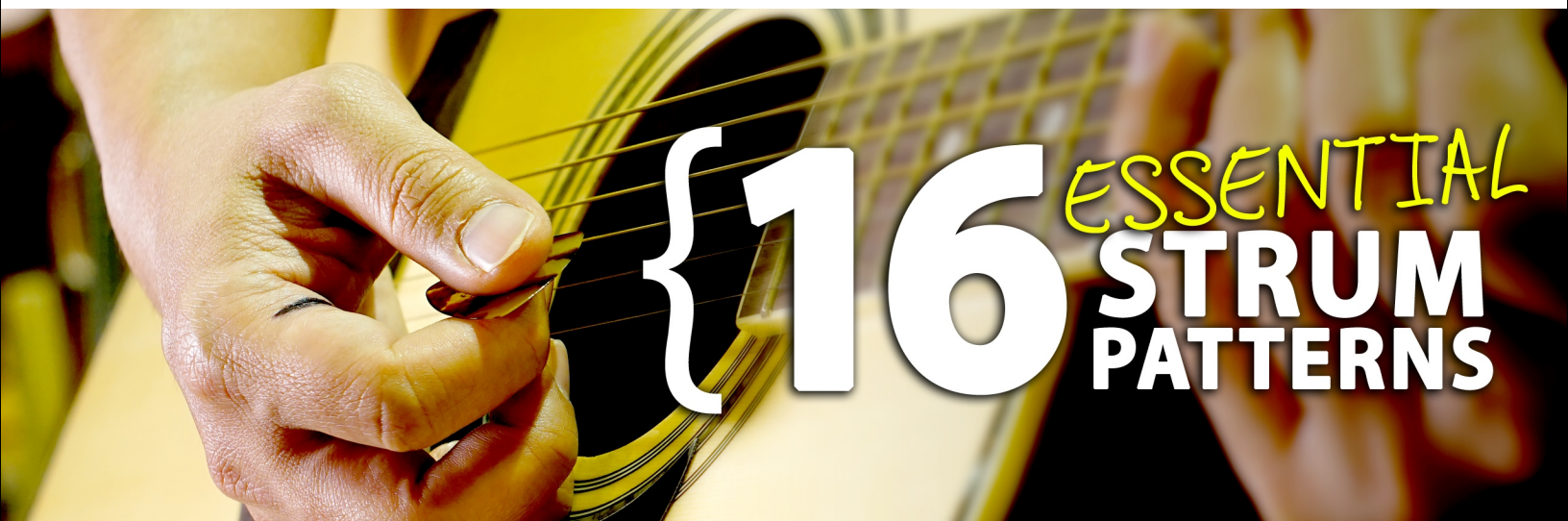
# 16 Essential Strum Patterns

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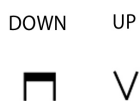
Want a simple way to improve your strumming on acoustic guitar? Learn these 16 strum patterns and you'll be able to play along to tons of cool songs!

These patterns will let you play most of the classic songs you grew up with while also giving you a solid foundation to add more complex strumming later.

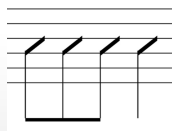
So let's dive right in...



First, you need to know what these symbols mean. These symbols tell you **how** to strum (up or down):



And these symbols tell you **when** to strum:



Standard tuning

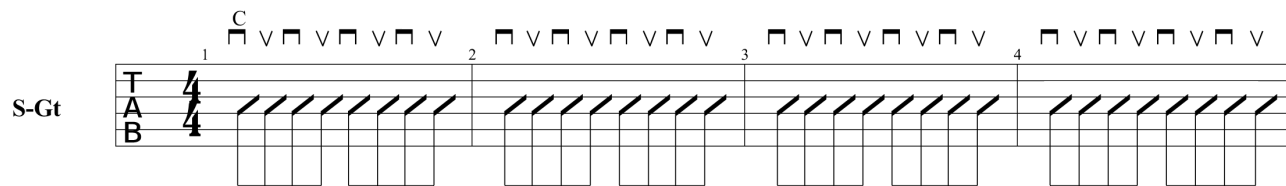
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02:08 - Ex. 1

S-Gt

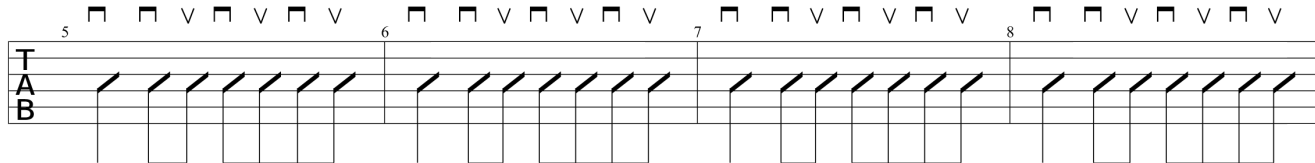
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1 C V V V V V V V 2 V V V V V V V V 3 V V V V V V V V 4 V V V V V V V V



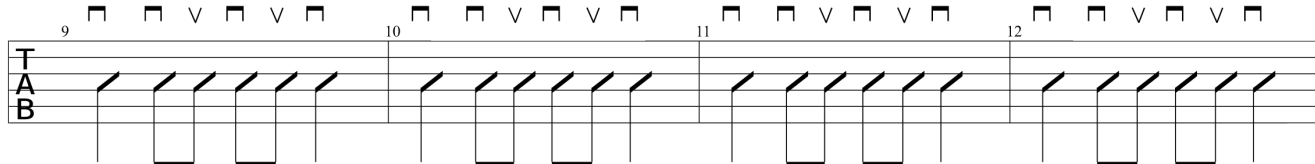
04:09 - Ex. 2

5 V V V V V V V V 6 V V V V V V V V 7 V V V V V V V V 8 V V V V V V V V



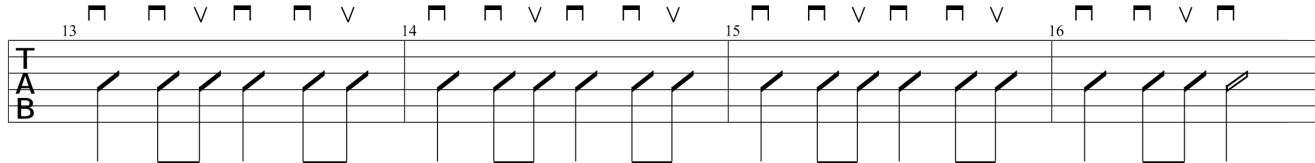
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9 V V V V V V V V 10 V V V V V V V V 11 V V V V V V V V 12 V V V V V V V V



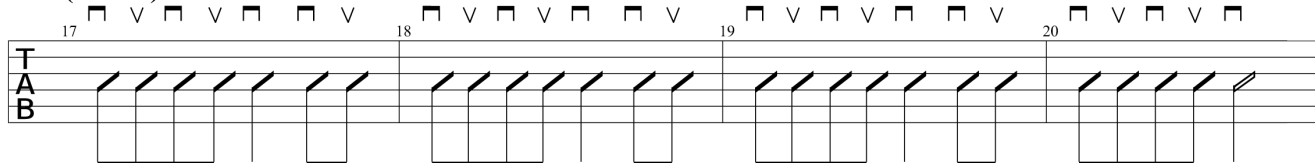
07:06 - Ex. 4

13 V V V V V V V V 14 V V V V V V V V 15 V V V V V V V V 16 V V V V V V V V



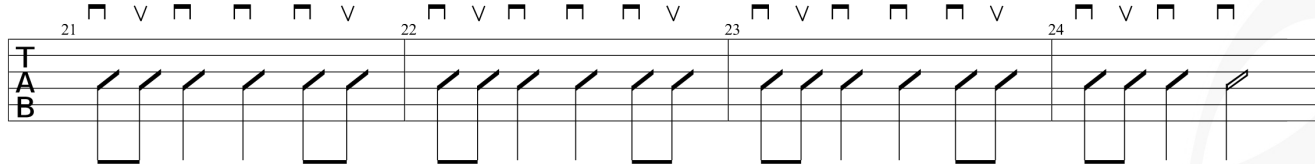
(Scene 2) 01:00 - Ex. 5

17 V V V V V V V V 18 V V V V V V V V 19 V V V V V V V V 20 V V V V V V V V

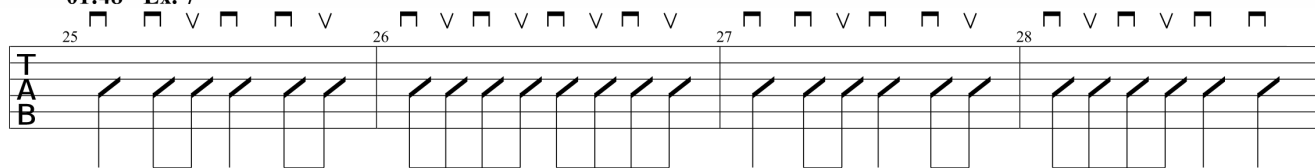


01:18 - Ex. 6

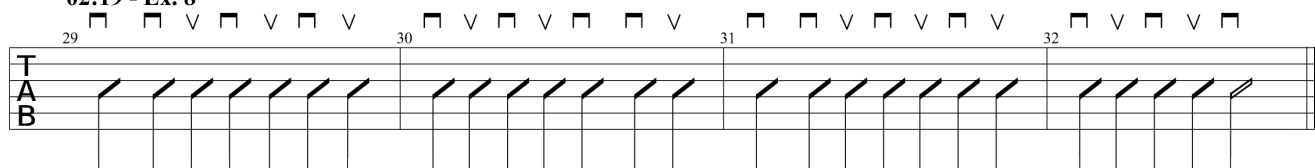
21 V V V V V V V V 22 V V V V V V V V 23 V V V V V V V V 24 V V V V V V V V



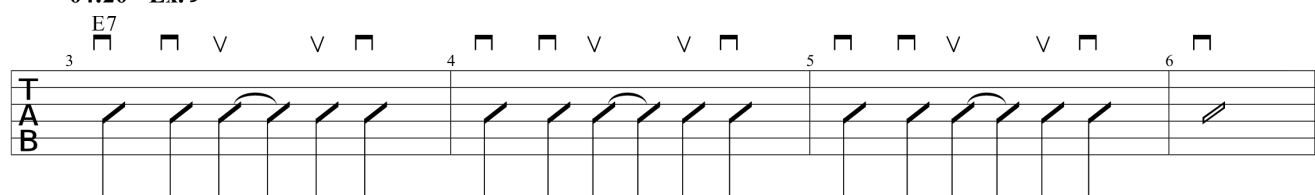
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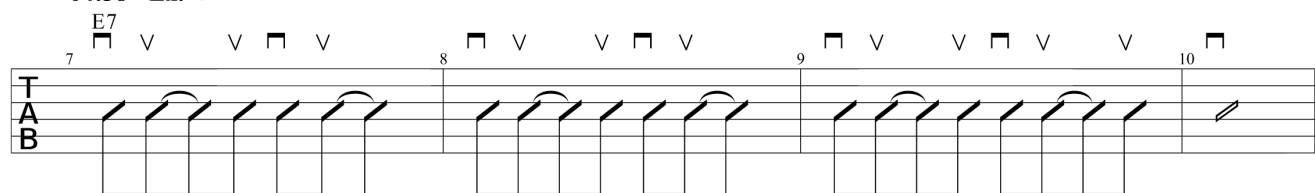
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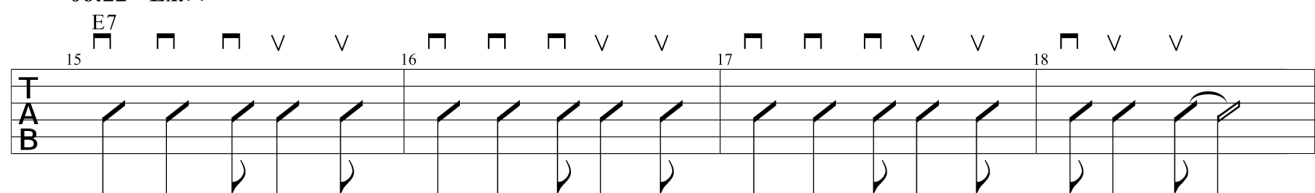
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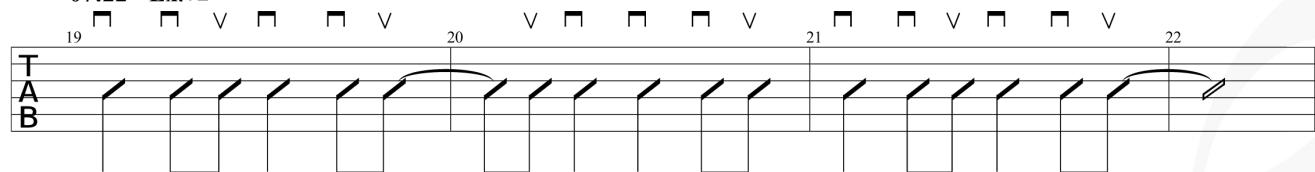
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### 06:22 - Ex.11

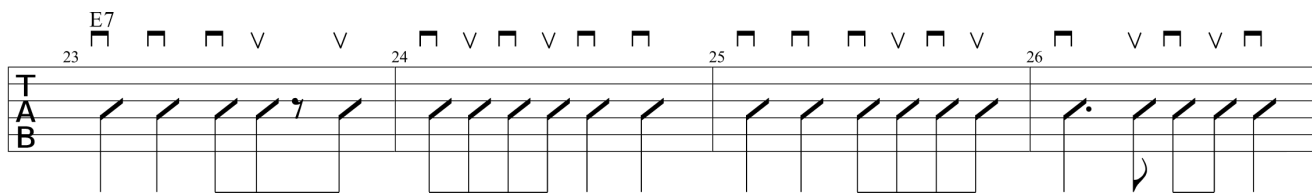


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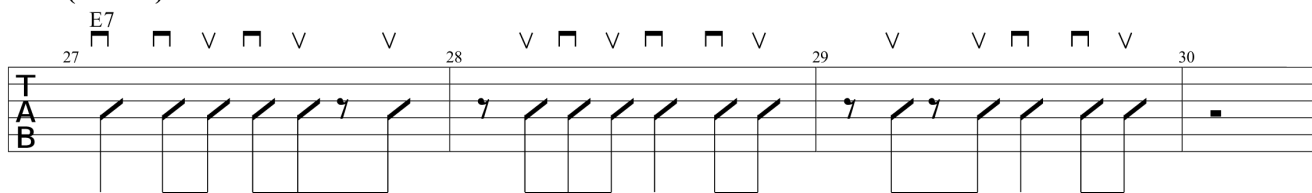
### 08:31 - Ex. 13

Tablature for Example 13 (08:31). The key signature is E7. The notation shows a sequence of notes and rests across four measures, with fret numbers indicated above the notes.



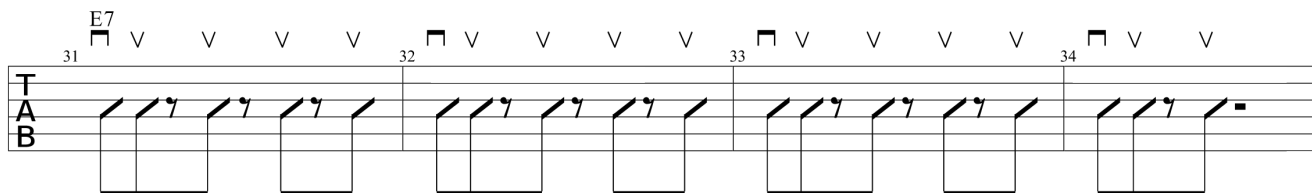
### (Scene 2) 00:08 - Ex. 14

Tablature for Example 14 (Scene 2, 00:08). The key signature is E7. The notation shows a sequence of notes and rests across four measures, with fret numbers indicated above the notes.



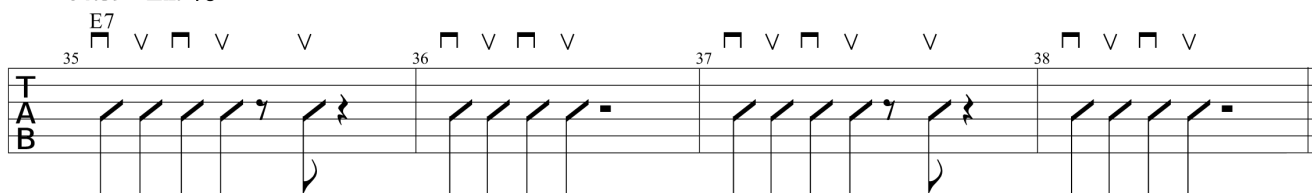
### 03:54 - Ex. 15

Tablature for Example 15 (03:54). The key signature is E7. The notation shows a sequence of notes and rests across four measures, with fret numbers indicated above the notes.



### 04:39 - Ex. 16

Tablature for Example 16 (04:39). The key signature is E7. The notation shows a sequence of notes and rests across four measures, with fret numbers indicated above the notes.



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