

LEVEL 5 - MULTI-LINE MUSIC

Technical Sequence

Multi-line or multi-layer music on guitar means that a single player is reading two or more lines of music at the same time. Below is the technical sequence for reading two lines of music simultaneously with thumb performing one line (bass notes with stems down) and i and m performing the upper line with stems up. Pay close attention to right and left-hand fingerings. They are crucial to being successful with this technique.

Make sure to balance the two lines accordingly depending on where the melody is located. In exercise 1, the melody is in the bass, played with the thumb. The thumb should be slightly louder than i and m.

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A

B *m* *i*

bass melody

C *m* *i*

D