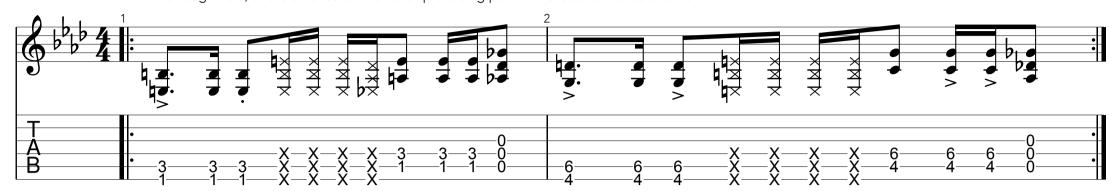
Swift Guitar Lessons

Top 5 Nirvana Practice Riffs For Beginners

J = 109

Riff #1 - Smells Like Teen Spirit

When you think of Kurt Cobain's guitar playing, this is likely the first riff that comes to mind. For beginners, this is an excellent tune for practicing power chords and muted strums.



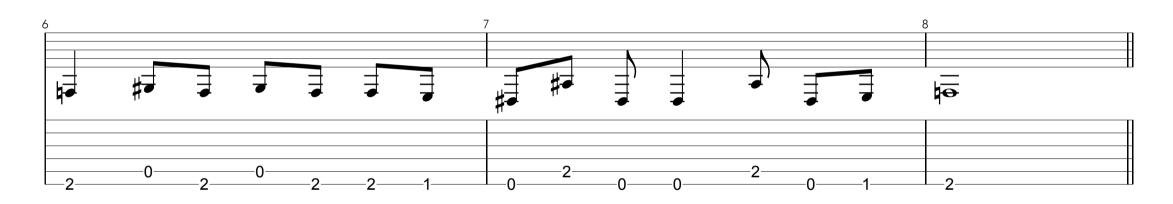
Riff #2 - Come As You Are

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Chorus

Here we have a perfect example of Kurt's ability to create simple, but memorable riffs. As a young guitarist, learning "Come As You Are" was a right of passage, and served as an excellent rhythm and alternate picking exercise.



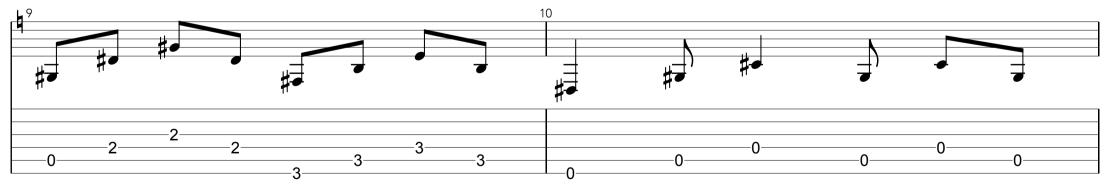


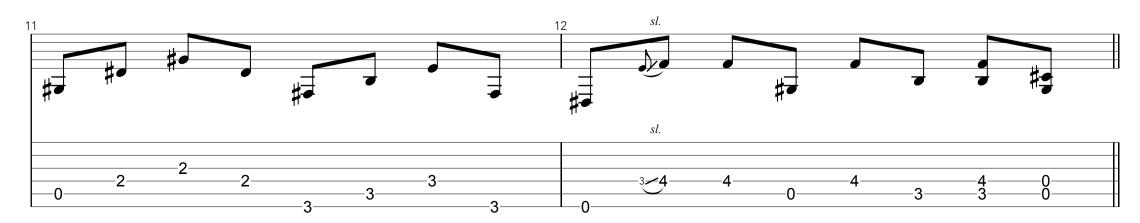
Riff #3 - Heart Shaped Box

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Clean Strat

In this example, Kurt finds another ear-worm, this time using Drop-D tuning. Use this riff to develop your alternate picking acccuracy across four strings.





Riff #4 - All Apologies

In this example, Kurt combines another catchy melody with a hypnotic drone note in Drop-D tuning. As an exercise, this will once again challenge your alternate picking accuracy, as well as your sense of rhythm and dynamics.



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Riff #5 - Lithium

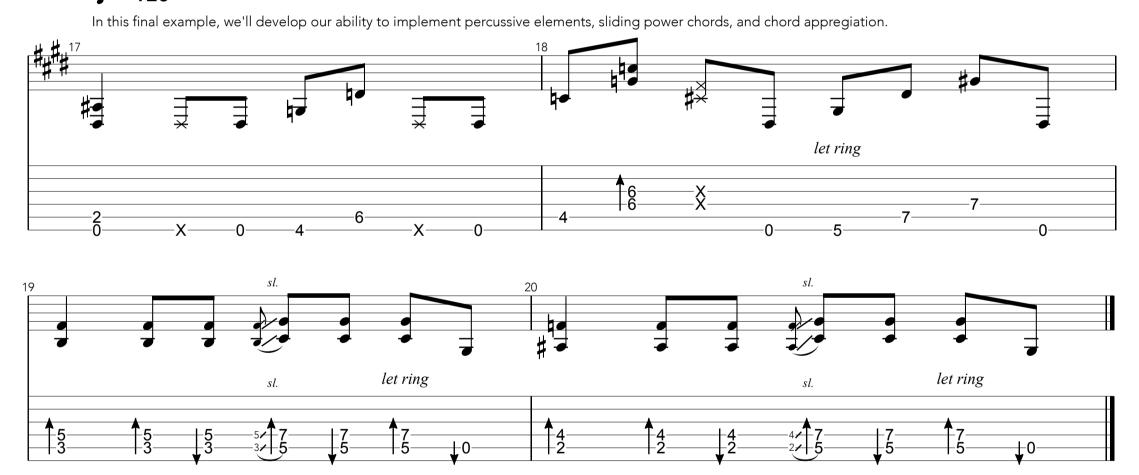
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