

Blues Double Stops

One of the techniques that make the blues sound like the blues is double stops. This lesson covers some classic blues double stop licks that are "gig-ready" and easy to incorporate into your playing.

A double stop, or diad, is when you play a lick using two notes at the same time instead of just single notes.

Double Stop Lick 1

This is a simple lick in the key of A that works over an A7. Your fingers are at the fifth position. The double stop is at the beginning and it can be finished out with a variety of different endings. Here is the basic lick.

Double Stop Lick 1 (Variation)

The basic lick can be combined to create a much longer phrase. Here it is expanded upon to make a four bar phrase.

Double Stop Lick 2

This lick is in the key of A and can be used over an A7 in a blues setting. The lick is in the 5th position and stays close to an A minor pentatonic form. The two note double stops are played as one barre that is bent up.

A7



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