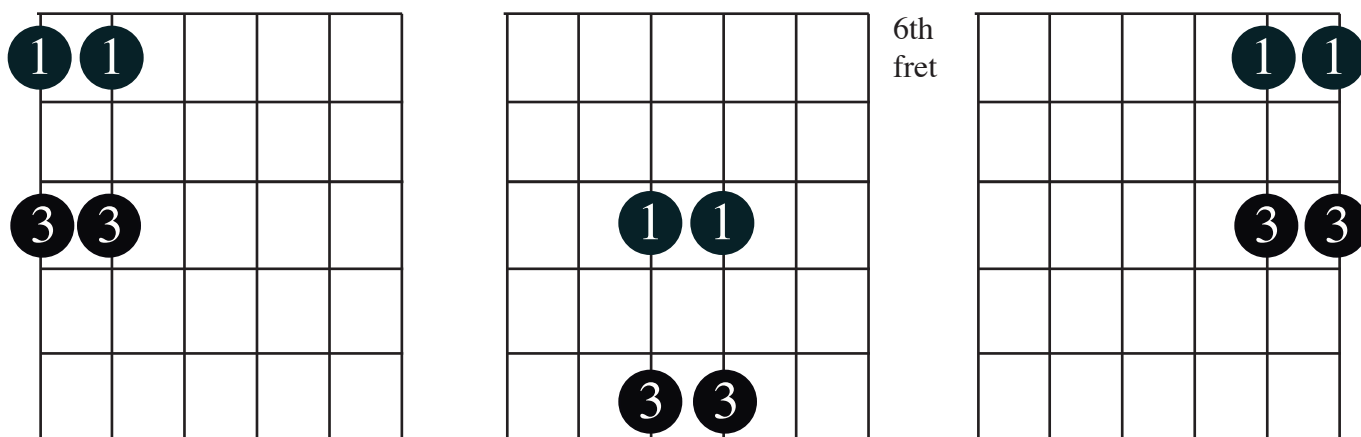


This lesson makes use of another simple device that you can take advantage of to keep that form and structure in your solos that we have been talking about. The little things that give your playing a logical flow that a listener can follow.

I'm talking about octaves. Octaves are simply the same notes repeated in a higher register. In this lesson I am using the notes F, G, Bb and C in three different spots on the guitar. Here they are in diagram form.



Notice the last grouping of 4 notes is located at the 6th fret.

Here they are in tab.

The image shows a musical score for a guitar solo. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: F2, G2, Bb2, C3 in the first measure; F3, G3, Bb3, C4 in the second measure; and F4, G4, Bb4, C5 in the third measure. Below the staff is a guitar tablature with three lines labeled T, A, and B. The first measure has fret numbers 1 and 3 on the B string, and 1 and 3 on the A string. The second measure has fret numbers 3 and 5 on the B string, and 3 and 5 on the A string. The third measure has fret numbers 6 and 8 on the B string, and 6 and 8 on the A string.

You can think of these simply as they are or as parts of different forms of the pentatonic scale. It's your choice. In the following solo I am using the same ideas we have been talking about all along. Play an idea and then repeat it.

Using the octaves just expands our range and gives us a bit more choice and flexibility. Enjoy and remember to apply these ideas right away. I don't want to sound like a broken record but that's the fastest way to make these concepts a part of your playing.

Guitar

Guitar

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A
B

6 6 8 6 6 8

4

3 5 3 3 5 3 3 5 6

1 3 1 1 3

7

6 8 6 6 8 8 6 6 6 8 6 8 8 6

1 1 1 3 3 1 3

10

3 3 3 5 5 3 5

6 6 6 8 8 6 8 6 6 8

3 5 3 3 5 5 3

13

3 5 3 3 5 3 5

6 8 6 6 8 6 6 8

8 8 8 6 8 8 6

full full

16

5 5 5 3 5 5 3

5 5 3 5 3

8 8 6 8 6

full full

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19

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5 5 3 5 3 5 5 3

6 3 6 6 6 3 6 6 3

full

full

22

3 3 5 3 3 5 3 5

1 1 3 1 1 1 3 1 3

5 3 5 3 5 5 3 5

full

25

3 3 5 6 8

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8 6 8 6 6 8 6

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