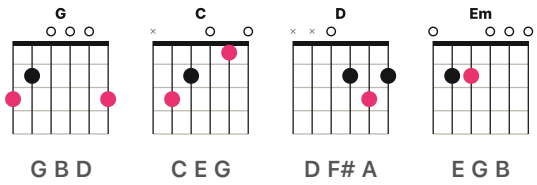
Noodlecafé

The right order to learn guitar

7 steps. Do them in order and every step makes the next one easy.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 in this order

Step 2 · your first 4 chords · pink = the root



G B D | C E G | D F# A | E G B

The roadmap · rough guide at 15 minutes a day

#	step	done when...	usually
1	Tune it, hold a pick	In tune with a tuner app. Pick held loose, not tight.	day 1
2	Learn 4 chords: G, C, D, Em	Every string rings. No buzz, no dead notes.	week 1-2
3	Strum in time	4 slow down-strums per chord, with a metronome at 60.	week 2
4	Switch without stopping	Change between any two of them inside one beat.	week 2-4
5	Your first full song	One 4-chord song, start to finish, no stopping.	week 4-6
6	Notes on the 2 lowest strings	Name any note on the low E and A strings in 2 seconds.	month 2
7	How keys work	Pick the chords of a key without looking it up.	month 2-3

Step 6 · the notes on your 2 lowest strings

fret	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
low E	E	F	F#	G	G#	A	A#	B	C	C#	D	D#	E
A	A	A#	B	C	C#	D	D#	E	F	F#	G	G#	A

Every barre chord starts from one of these two strings. Fret 12 = the open note again.

Skip these at the start

- **Scales** before you can play 4 chords.
- **Hard songs** full of barre chords.
- **Theory** you can't use on the guitar yet.
- **New gear.** Practice beats equipment.

Step 5 · first songs with your 4 chords

loop	play	you know it from
1 5 6 4	G D Em C	the Let It Be loop
1 6 4 5	G Em C D	the Stand By Me loop
6 4 1 5	Em C G D	sad and big, countless pop songs

Try it now · 2 minutes

Set a 2-minute timer. Switch G to C and back, one strum each, without stopping. Count your switches. Beat it tomorrow.

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