

# Beginning Banjo Phase I

## Establishing a firm foundation

### Objectives

The objectives of Phase 1 are: 1. To learn and be able to use correct hand position and technique. 2. To play a simple roll pattern in time with other instruments. 3. To learn to play 2 finger chords with the left hand while playing a forward roll with the right hand.

Step 1 Checking Out the Banjo Free lesson

Step 2 Tuning the Banjo Free lesson

Step 3 Basic right hand Technique Free Lesson

Step 4 Beginning Banjo 1 Premium Download

Step 5 Simple Roll Exercises Free Lesson

Step 6 Forward Roll Exercise 1 Premium Download

Step 7 Beginning Banjo 2 Premium Download

Step 8 Forward Roll Exercise 2 Premium Download

Step 9 Easy Banjo Chords Free Lesson

Step 10 Beginning Banjo 3 Premium Download

Congratulations, you can now proceed to Phase 2

# **Beginning Banjo Phase 2**

## **Learning to play solos to 4 songs using the Banjo Primer Products**

(Note: You will need The Banjo Primer Book with CD, The Banjo Primer DVD and The Banjo Primer Jam Along Practice Tracks for Phase 2.)

### **Objective**

The objectives of Phase 2 are: 1. To learn to play lead breaks or solos to 4 standard songs. Boil them Cabbage Down, Shady Grove, Worried Man Blues and Cripple Creek. 2. To play these songs with a full band at multiple speeds.

### **Boil Them Cabbage Down Break 1 Banjo Primer Page 18**

#### Step 1

Practice Exercise A Boil Them Cabbage Down at multiple speeds along with the CD which comes with the Banjo Primer and the Banjo Primer DVD. Once mastered proceed to the remaining exercises and practice with the CD and DVD

Practice Exercise B

Practice Exercise C

Practice Exercise D

Practice Exercise E

### Step 2

Practice the entire solo to Boil Them Cabbage Down with the DVD or CD that comes with the Banjo Primer Book. As you are learning this song go back to the exercises to review any parts that you are having trouble with.

### Step 3

Memorize Break 1 to Boil Them Cabbage Down

### Step 4

Play Boil Them Cabbage Down Break 1 along with the Banjo Primer Jam CD's at the slowest speed (50 BPM) and then gradually increase to the faster speeds.

## **Shady Grove Banjo Primer Page 24**

### Step 1

Practice the exercises for Shady Grove

### Step 2

Watch the Free lesson on Hammer ons

### Step 3

Practice the entire solo to Shady Grove.

### Step 4

Memorize the song

### Step 5

Play Shady Grove along with the Banjo Primer Jam CD's at the slowest speed and then gradually increase

## **Worried Man Blues Banjo Primer Page 25**

### Step 1

Practice the exercises for Worried Man Blues

Step 2

Watch the Free lesson @ [freebanjovideos.com](http://freebanjovideos.com) on Slides

Step 3

Practice the entire solo to Worried Man Blues.

Step 4

Memorize Worried Man Blues

Step 5

Play worried Man Blues along with the Banjo Primer Jam CD's at the slowest speed and then gradually increase.

## **Cripple Creek Banjo Primer Page 23**

Step 1

Play the exercises for Cripple Creek

Step 2

Watch the Free lesson @ [freebanjovideos.com](http://freebanjovideos.com) on Pull offs

Step 3

Practice the entire solo to Cripple Creek.

Step 4

Memorize Cripple Creek

Step 5

Play Cripple Creek along with the Banjo Primer Jam CD's at the slowest speed and then gradually increase

You have now completed Phase 2. At this point you can move on to Phase 3 or you can learn more songs either from the Banjo Primer or the easy songs from [freebanjovideos.com](http://freebanjovideos.com)

# **Beginning Banjo Phase 3 Learning to play rhythm with others**

Note: We will be using the 6 Rhythm and Back up 101 lessons for Phase 3. this is available at the [freebanjovideos.com](http://freebanjovideos.com) site as either a download or as a DVD.

## **Objective**

The objectives of Phase 3 are: 1. To learn the 3 basic chord shapes that are used when playing rhythm with others. 2. To learn the chromatic scale which will enable you to find any chord you want without needing a chord book. 3. To learn patterns to play with your right hand while using these chords.

Go through the 6 lessons in the Rhythm and Back up package. This package is available as a download or as a DVD with a booklet. Start with lesson 1 and work through all of the lessons.