



Create Your Own 12 Bar Blues!

Many famous songs use a chord progression called the “12 bar blues.” This progression is made up of the I, IV, and V chords of a given key used in a special pattern.

Below is the 12 bar blues progression in the key of C. Create your own blues piece by choosing one of the patterns at the bottom of the page to play in the left hand to accompany this simple melody. Once you get comfortable playing hands together, you might try adding more notes in the right hand to fill in the melody line.

12 Bar Blues Progression in the Key of C:

Pattern 1

C F G

Pattern 2

C F G

Pattern 3

C F G