

How To Create A Guitar TAB

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<https://www.islandguitarstudios.com/Free-Guitar-Blank-Tab-Pages.pdf>

Your first attempt at a Guitar TAB can be a frustrating experience. I know, mine was. I tried, and the TAB never turned out right. The TABS were always misaligned. But then I discovered the secret. You are about to discover it too.

The real secret to creating Guitar TAB is using the proper font. Courier or Courier New. That is the secret. Yep, easy as that. *Well almost*. For TAB that I create I use Courier New and the TAB always turn out great. You probably already know this --> The numbers on the string lines are the fret number to play on that string.

Something to consider. I have started doing my tabs with the paper set at landscape and use text Bold and size 16 or 18 so the TABS are very easy to read. Guitar TABS are fun to create after you get the hang of it. Let's get started. Write your TAB on the sheet that you printed earlier. Here is the "*Well almost*" part,

Open whatever app you use for text, such as writing a letter that you will print. I use Open Office.

The Font "Family" to use is "Courier New" or "Courier". Select Courier New or Courier for the Font and make it Bold/ Strong. Select the page layout either Portrait or Landscape that you decide to use. Title your TAB and add: TAB by "your name" and your email address.

Next set up the TAB **A**: as shown for you to get started. *You may be able to copy and paste it*. Some TABS omit the string number. I add the string numbers for new students because they learn the string numbers before they learn the notes. Remember, the TAB will be easier to read if the Font is Bold/ Strong.

A: TAB: G Mixolydian Mode
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1E--

2B--

3G--

4D--

5A--

6E--

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On all strings we will use two hyphens/ dashes after the open string notes E, B, G, D, A, E and after all fret numbers . We do this to determine the starting fret number on the next string.

On the TAB **B**: I am starting on string 6 after **6E--** with fret number **3**. I add two hyphens/ dashes after fret number **3** (**3--**) . Next I add fret number **5**. It should look like this:**3--5** . After fret number **5** , I add two dashes -- (**5--**) So we have on String 6, **6E--3--5--▲** . The **▲** is the starting point on string 5. The fret number is **2** . Don't include the **▲** on your TAB.

On string 5 after **5A--** we use dashes ----- to get to where the first fret number will start on string 5. Which is **2**. We use two dashes between fret numbers **2--3** and **3--5** and after the last fret number (**5--**) . String 5 has **5A-----2--3--5--▲**, the **▲** is the starting point on string 4. Again, don't include the **▲** on your TAB.

String 4 shows after **4D--** we again use dashes ----- to get to where the next fret number will start. Which is two dashes after the string 5 fret number **5--▲** .

Keep using the same method for the starting fret number on any other necessary strings until the TAB is completed. Be sure to title and number each page if more than one. Please note that strings 3, 2 and 1 will have dashes to at least fret number 2 on string 4.

B:

1E--

2B--

3G--

4D-----2 ◀ the next fret number on string 4

5A-----2--3--5--▲

6E--3--5--▲

The example above and on page 3 is the G Mixolydian Mode fingering in C Major.

Please note, if there are no other fret numbers after the fret numbers on each string, we use dashes to get to the end. Which will be the two dashes after the last fret number on whatever string it may be. That is how we will keep the TAB uniform as shown in the TAB **C**: on string **6E** .

C:

6E--3--5-----

and on the completed G Mixolydian TAB **D**: found on Page 3

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Completed G Mixolydian Mode TAB (Standard Fingering) **D:**

D:

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1E-----3--5--
2B-----3--5--6-----
3G-----2--4--5-----
4D-----2--3--5-----
5A-----2--3--5-----
6E--3--5-----
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Here is a link to **We Wish You a Merry Christmas TAB** to use as a guide.

<https://www.islandguitarstudios.com/we-wish-you-a-merry-christmas-10-30-24.pdf>

You can do this! Like anything else, the more you do it the easier it will become.

How to TAB more than 1 string notes or chords. Partial examples. **E:**

E:

Bouree Bach TAB

Full TAB: <https://www.islandguitarstudios.com/Bouree.pdf>

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1E--0--2--3--2--0-----0--2-----0-----
2B-----4-----0--2--4-----3--1--0-----
3G-----
4D-----
5A-----0-----2--0-----
6E--3--2--0-----3--2-----0--2-----3-----
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Please note: some fret numbers have one dash between them to save space and paper.

Jingle Bell Rock TAB

Full TAB: <https://www.islandguitarstudios.com/jingle-bell-rock-10-30-24.pdf>

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E--10-10-10---9--9--9--7-9-7---7-9-7---5--7-9-7--3--
B--10-10-10--10-10-10--7---7--7---7---8---2--
G-----7-----5---9---2--
D-----
A-----
E-----
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