

Instrument Resources

Accordion – Bagpipes – Banjo – Clarinet – Flute – Guitar – Harmonica –
Harp – Percussion – Piano – Tin Whistle – Violin – Vocal



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Accordion

Dolan's pub (Limerick, Ireland) - Irish Traditional Music Session (with great accordion)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9a8pVGa1Mo>

Bagpipes

Bagpipe lessons: Garden valley pipe band

FourWinds. The Flags of Dublin – (With fast bagpipes & accordion)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uqcoeLR7TA>

Banjo

Clarinet

Flute

-Sacred Place by Mary Youngblood on Sacred Place

Guitar: General

-Here is a great acoustic guitar teacher, Kelly Valleau (kellyvalleau.com); about \$11/month to subscribe to his website. The free portion is videos of him doing songs which you can learn lots from, but for tutorials and tabs to music he wrote for guitar based on popular music, subscribe to his website. Check out his YouTube channel too. Buying tabs on his songs are about 5\$ when you're a subscriber (half of the usual about \$10). From what I've seen of his videos, he is a great teacher with lots of fun songs.

-free tabs and tutorial videos etc www.tabs4acoustic.com

-www.ultimate-guitar.com (free or pro versions)

-Materials from TL (takelessons.com): Why to use sheet music not tabs by TL <https://takelessons.com/blog/classical-guitar-tabs-or-sheet-music> ; Learn to read sheet music for guitar by TL

<https://takelessons.com/blog/learn-to-read-guitar-sheet-music> ; Reading guitar tabs by TL <https://takelessons.com/blog/how-to-read-guitar-tabs-z01> ; Guitar chords for beginners by TL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwPswoolmz0&feature=youtu.be&list=PL6sZOxaobhPa8t8YI0NCFsbHY5rz509D>

-Mr Levi Clay: the country fingerstyle guitar method: a complete guide to Travis Picking, Fingerstyle guitar, & country guitar soloinn

-Rob Thorpe: first pieces for classical guitar

Guitar: Celtic

-Stephen Wake, acoustic Celtic fingerpicking guitarist: Buy tabs for music by Stephen Wake at his website. ; Celtic Fingerstyle Guitar - Three Irish Reels - DADGAD - Stephen Wake (one of my favorites)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=37&v=IVlvhfWcNho ;

Celtic Guitar - Return to Kintail/ Calliope House - Stephen Wake

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLm7O2hIYIo> ; Celtic Guitar Jig

and two reels - Stephen Wake

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EriD_PKRmAE

-Flatpicking Celtic guitar book and audio CD on Amazon
<https://www.amazon.com/Flatpicking-Celtic-Guitar-Book-audio/dp/1934163279>

-Glenn Weiser has written several books on Celtic guitar. Check out his site and book store: celticguitarmusic.com/books. Check out some of his materials: [Celtic Fingerstyle Guitar Books](#) | [Harmonica Books](#) | [Music Lessons](#) | [CDs](#)
[Harmonica Main](#) | [Celtic Main](#) | [Blues Main](#) | [Fingerstyle Main](#) | [Free Celtic Guitar Arrangements](#) | [Free Celtic Harmonica Arrangements](#) | [Online Celtic Tunebook](#)

Guitar: Finger Callus

acoustic strings are harder so help with callus
short frequent practices rather than long sessions
dip fingertips in alcohol to dry the skin out (Eric Clapton did) (seems harmful though)
keep your left (fret) hand with short fingernails so the finger does the pressing, not the nail
press fingertips on a plastic card or other hard thin solid edge
you can buy a guitar callus builder tool, like “Varigrip” by Planet Waves
apple cider vinegar soak before and after practice may relieve pain
don’t play guitar right after hands wet or the strings shave off weeks of calluses; you could use a hair drier to dry your hands if you need to play soon after water.
You don’t need to press on the strings super hard, that just makes fingers tired faster, and potentially develop carpal tunnel or tendinitis.
don’t put superglue on finger, makes strings messy, and doesn’t develop callus
don’t pick at the callus
in a month or so the callus will develop and you won’t have pain when you play
get the fingertip to callus in more than just one spot by intentionally using other parts of the fingertip so that when you need to do slides etc. you’re ok
dig your thumbnail into your other fingertips

do exercises of playing 3 notes at a time as seen in this article
<https://www.guitarhabits.com/21-cool-3-notes-per-string-exercises-to-rock-on/>

playing 30 minutes a day you should have calluses in about a week
some layers of skin may fall off, there are harder layers of skin
underneath, this is normal

some advanced guitarists say calluses are not needed, and are even more
responsive to the strings, but most guitarists seem to have calluses.

If there is sharp pain you may be hurting nerves so take a break

If you play for a long time like 4 hours, your fingers will hurt even if you
have callus

If you use hand lotion, wipe it off of the fingertips

Look into finger exercise tools

Harmonica

-see Glenn Weiser's stuff [Harmonica Main](#) (from
celticguitarmusic.com)

Harp

-The Butterfly by Aine Minogue on Circle of the Sun

-Artist: Amy Turk

Percussion

Piano

- Peter PlutaX: This is a brilliant piano teacher, check out his YouTube
channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/MrPeter19916>). His videos are
of piano keys with lines showing where to play, meaning beginners can

learn fun pieces without becoming discouraged by years of basic sight reading drills. His program is like Simply Piano.

-Check out the Simply Piano by Joytunes (an app etc.) (see also joytunes.com) which shows both notes and keys to learn simultaneously. 25 courses for different music levels. Many fun songs.

-Flow Key (flowkey.com) is another piano school which shows where to place fingers while showing notes.

-I've seen some brilliant apps and computer programs pop up lately which are a sort of tabs for piano, helping the student learn some music from the get go without being bogged down by what looks like the impossible skill of sight reading music.

-YouTube Channel Rousseau

(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPZUQqtVDmcjm4NY5FkzqLA>)

shows intense classic piano pieces (more than just Rousseau) played along with the streaming lines, amazing.

-Bollywood Piano tutorials with Dhruv Gandhi on YouTube

(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIUdTB6EJvzP7eY5Wgl4IRw>);

his stuff has piano keys, no hands, moving bars, and piano key notes labeled. Free mp3's and sheet music as well.

-Simply Piano app apparently prepares you better to read sheet music than does the Yousician app.

-Become a Piano Superhuman youtube channel; this guy has great suggestions on specific plans for learning, and fast.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1V2zI_VQ5et66WtKXhAXXA/playlists

-Artist: Ludovico Einaudi

-Stars by Helen Lane Long on Porcelain

-On A Magician's Flight by Faun

Tin Whistle

Traditional Irish Tin Whistle Music [Doolin Style] (By the Online Academy of Irish Music) (amazing fast tin whistler)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpN36I9xr-o>

Violin

Irish set- Banjo & fiddles (with great fiddling)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCw4O_L1LFQ

My hope is that an elementary amount of skill with the violin can suffice to play for dancing. This is a good start on the way to classical violin.

Perhaps the difficulty of the fiddle has been overrated. Plenty have learned it. Sure it's probably the most difficult instrument to learn

Vocal

Jane Zhang Sings The Diva Dance from 5th Element (Epic Soprano Heights)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=286&v=kJ12uPNsJEk

