

Improvisation Tips

1. Don’t be afraid to try

2. Study the rhythm of the song

3. When you find something that works, use it as a way to recover during a solo.

4. The more you do it the better you get

5. Practice your scales with a metronome

6. Listen to as many guitarist as you can and incorporate what you like about their playing into your own.
The Melodic Minor Scale below is a commonly used scale pattern in Latin styles of music. The pattern below requires minimal shifting and is movable to any key.

Harmonic Minor Scale Pattern

Legend:
1 - Index Finger
2 - Middle Finger
3 - Ring Finger
4 - Small Finger
Right hand Technique for Samba Rhythm

The first thing you must understand is how to use your right hand to play this rhythm. The picture on the left displays the letters for your each finger of the right hand.

P= Pulgar (thumb)
I= Indencio (Index)
M= Medio (middle)
A= Anular (Ring)

When strumming, keep IMA together on the top 3 strings while P plays your bass notes alternating on the low A then E strings.
Suggested Artist to Study

Paco De Lucia
Carlos Santana
Charlie Byrd
Al Di Meola
Omar Rodriguez
Jorge Morel