



Instrumental Arrangement Trick



Any Style

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I just released an album with ten of my favorite old Christmas hymns arranged for solo electric guitar, and this week on Guitar Insider, I share the harmonized scale that I use as a basis for most of these arrangements. This harmonized scale will work for countless classic songs, and it's also very easy to come up with your own ideas using these notes. I find it incredibly gratifying to play instrumental...

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Arranging Amazing Grace



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This week on Insider we dive into one of my favorite things to do on the guitar, which is to arrange beautiful melodies for solo-guitar. I've been fascinated by this craft since I was 6 years old, and still to this day it's my favorite thing to do on the guitar. In this episode we'll break down the chords and the melody for the timeless melody Amazing Grace and then at the end we'll combine the two...

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Arranging Amazing Grace Pt. 2



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This week on Insider we continue to explore my favorite topic: arranging songs for solo guitar. This time we'll use a different approach to the timeless "Amazing Grace", now playing the melody on the bass strings with gentle strums of the treble strings in between. This is a great way to play this particular melody as well as many others. It is also a great way to get comfortable with the more melodic...

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Chord Scale Connection



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This week on Insider I share one of the biggest lightbulb moments I had early on, on my guitar journey. This happened when I started to see the visual overlap between scale patterns and chord shapes, and once I started using this musically it opened up a whole world of beautiful sounds that effortlessly blend melody and chord without straining to do both at once. You can easily explore this concept on an advanced level, but even at it's most basic levels it's a great sound and makes for an extremely beneficial exercise.

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