

BLUES BOX BASS LINE FORMULAS

CHEAT SHEET

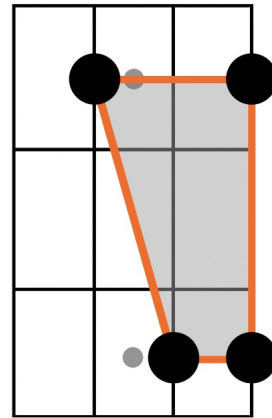
BASSBUZZ

The Blues Box is 4 notes that form the shape of a box on your fretboard.

All of the 7 formulas below use notes from the Blues Box.

I wrote them out for you starting on C, but you can start them on any note on the E or A string. Go wild.

The Blues Box



Formula #1:
The Basic Box

Formula #2:
The Box Shuffle (swing 8ths)

Formula #3:
Reverse Box Shuffle
(swing 8ths)

Formula #4:
The Funky Tramp
(straight 8ths)

Formula #5:
The Fingerpop
(straight 8ths)

Formula #6:
The Funky Trunk
(straight 16ths)

Formula #7:
Tasty Triplet Shuffle
(swing 8ths)

12 BAR BLUES APPLICATIONS

All you need to do to use these Blues Box formulas on a 12 bar blues is:

- Find your three root notes, I IV and V

- Start the box shape on whichever root note the 12 bar form tells you

- Plug in a formula and listen to the magic happen. :)

Here's an example in the key of C using the Basic Box formula:

12 Bar Blues

| I | I | I | I |

| IV | IV | I | I |

| V | IV | I | I |

C⁷

T A B

F⁷ C⁷

T A B

G⁷ F⁷ C⁷

T A B