

Try this deliciously tasty bass lick!

Musical notation for a bass lick in E Mixolydian mode. The notation is in 4/4 time and E major (one sharp). It shows a sequence of notes with fingerings and a fretboard diagram below. The fretboard diagram shows the notes: 14-13-11-9-7-7-6-7-9-7-9-6-7-6-7-0-4-2-4-2.

This riff is made up from the E Mixolydian mode (the fifth mode of the A Major scale). Try making up your own lines and riffs using it. You'll need to expand the notes to different parts of the neck although do just start with this one octave shape.

The bottom shape is E Major Pentatonic - it's used at the end of bar two above.

Fretboard diagram showing the E Mixolydian mode shape. The fretboard is labeled G, D, A, E on the left. Notes are shown as circles: C# (black), D (black), E (black) on the G string; G# (black), A (black), E (red) on the D string; and B (black), F# (black) on the A string. Fingering numbers 7 and 9 are shown below the fretboard.

Fretboard diagram showing the E Major Pentatonic mode shape. The fretboard is labeled G, D, A, E on the left. Notes are shown as circles: E (red) on the D string; B (black), F# (black) on the A string; and C# (black), G# (black) on the G string. A grey dot is shown on the D string at fret 3. Fingering number 3 is shown below the fretboard.