



10 Tips to Strum and Sing!

1. Start with EASY songs! (You're in the right place!)
2. Practice the CHORDS FIRST. Focus on hard transitions.
3. LISTEN to the song. Note the tempo, instrumentation, timing of the lyrics, when chords change and whether or not there is a strumming pattern.
4. Figure out the HARMONIC RHYTHM. (How long each chord lasts)
5. Practice strumming patterns WITHOUT singing.
6. Sing along to the recording WITHOUT STRUMMING!
7. Learn some of the chords by heart.
8. SIMPLIFY the strumming pattern to start. (eg. 1 down or 4 downs)
9. Practice counting and strumming exercises.
10. Analyze the timing of the lyrics in relation to the chords.

