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Beginning Guitar Class
24 Studies in First Position

*Single Note Studies to Improve First Position Reading
Fourth Quarter/Year One-Year Two*



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To perform these exercises, students will need to be able to read all of the notes in first position on all six strings. The first five studies are in the key of C Major or A minor with no sharps or flats in the key signature. The keys get gradually harder adding one sharp or one flat. Rhythms are all straight eighth notes.

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This collection of 24 First Position Studies is intended to be a supplement to any beginning guitar program. As a classroom guitar teacher, it is necessary to have plenty of classroom material to fill the class time and keep students active in learning. Most published beginning guitar methods are intended for individual use and not for the classroom. Therefore, there is rarely enough materials for classroom activities.

Application is an important part of music education. These progressive studies provide students with applicable exercises for playing in the first position. Practicing these studies will help improve sight reading and will assist in developing stronger skills in note recognition and note placements.

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First Position Study No. 1

The musical score for "First Position Study No. 1" consists of 24 measures of music on a single staff. The notation is as follows:

- Measure 6: A whole rest followed by a quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5.
- Measure 7: Quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4.
- Measure 8: Quarter note G4, quarter note F4, quarter note E4, quarter note D4.
- Measure 9: Quarter note D4, quarter note E4, quarter note F4, quarter note G4.
- Measure 10: Quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5.
- Measure 11: Quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4.
- Measure 12: Quarter note G4, quarter note F4, quarter note E4, quarter note D4.
- Measure 13: Quarter note D4, quarter note E4, quarter note F4, quarter note G4.
- Measure 14: Quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5.
- Measure 15: Quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4.
- Measure 16: Quarter note G4, quarter note F4, quarter note E4, quarter note D4.
- Measure 17: Quarter note D4, quarter note E4, quarter note F4, quarter note G4.
- Measure 18: Quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5.
- Measure 19: Quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4.
- Measure 20: Quarter note G4, quarter note F4, quarter note E4, quarter note D4.
- Measure 21: Quarter note D4, quarter note E4, quarter note F4, quarter note G4.
- Measure 22: Quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, quarter note C5.
- Measure 23: Quarter note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4.
- Measure 24: Quarter note G4, quarter note F4, quarter note E4, quarter note D4.