



Right Hand for Beginners: Lesson 1

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What does the right hand do?

The primary job of your right hand is to strike the strings. This is usually done by picking or strumming with a pick (also called a "plectrum") or the right hand fingers; or a combination of both a pick and fingers which is called hybrid picking.

The right hand also has the secondary job of muting strings; in other words, to stop certain strings from ringing when you don't want them ring.