

Prince Bass Line

The first system of notation shows a bass line in 4/4 time. The tablature below the staff indicates the fret numbers for each note: 6, 8, 9, 10, 8, 10, 11, 11, 11, 10, 8, 6, 4, 5, 6, X, 5, 6, 6. The second system continues the line, with a final note marked with a diamond shape and a 1/4 note value.

Fills

Mix up ideas from the Bb minor pentatonic (filled in circles), Bb major pentatonic (white circles), blues (square notes are the 'blues' notes) and mixolydian scales (the diamond is the dominant 7th).

The fretboard diagram shows the following notes and symbols:

- Fret 6: Db (filled circle), Ab (filled circle), Eb (filled circle), Bb (filled circle)
- Fret 7: E (square), E (filled circle), F (filled circle)
- Fret 9: E (white circle), D (white circle), Db (square), Db (filled circle)
- Fret 12: G (white circle), D (white circle), G (filled circle)
- Fret 13: Ab (diamond)

Keep the line punchy and aim to play with feel and bang in time. Pay close attention to the hand shifts required to execute the line cleanly. Don't forget to download and play along to the drum beat.