Swift Guitar Lessons

Blues-Rock Guitar Turnaround – Keys E & A Major

Hello friends, And welcome to another blues lead guitar tutorial. In this lesson I'll be showing you how to perform a useful blues-rock turnaround in the key of E major. This technique is built from the E Blues Scale, and is the perfect way to wrap up a 12 bar blues. We'll begin by reviewing our E blues progression, then jump into learning this riffy turnaround. Let's get started!

The 12 Bar Blues Progression in E:

Below you will find our basic 12 bar blues progression, our turnaround riff will replace the area highlighted in blue.

E7 //// | //// | //// | //// | **A7** //// | //// | **E7** //// | //// | **B7** //// **A7** //// | **E7** //// | // **B7** // | :

Our Blues-Rock Turnaround:

Now that we know the context in which we are playing, let's get moving on the task at hand, a blues-rock turnaround built from our E blues scale

```
    E7                                                          B7

E |-----------------------------------------0----------------------2---|
B |-----------------------------------------0----------------------0---|
G |-------------------------------------------------------------------2---|
D |-----------------------------------------------------------------0h1-|
A |---------5h7-7--7--5h7-5-------------------------0--1--2---------2---|
E |-0-----------------------7--6--5--3---0------4---------------------|
    1   &   2   &   a   3   &   a   4   &   a | 1   &   2   &   a   3   &   a   4
```

Transposing to Key of A:

12 Bar Blues Key of A

A7 //// | //// | //// | //// | **D7** //// | //// | **A7** //// | //// | **E7** //// **D7** //// | **A7** //// | // **E7** // |:

Turnaround Key of A:

```
    A7                                                          E7

E |-------------------------------------------------------------------0---|
B |-------------------------------------------------------------------0---|
G |-----------------------------------------------------------------0h1-|
D |---------5h7-7--7--5h7-5-------------------------0--1--2---------2---|
A |-0-----------------------7--6--5--3---0--0---4------------------2---|
E |-------------------------------------------------------------------0---|
    1   &   2   &   a   3   &   a   4   &   a | 1   &   2   &   a   3   &   a   4
```