



Is Bass Guitar Easier To Play?

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Beginner guitarists often find themselves wondering about the bass guitar. Is it easier or harder to play? Should I give it a try? Does having only four strings make it simpler to play? It's the same when we start anything new - we look for the easiest thing to do. Looking for the quick or easy solution is often the thing that stops our progress.

The bass guitar has only four strings but they are thicker gauge and a little more difficult to play. Choosing which notes to play is also more of a challenge for the bass guitar player. As the other players in the band look for more sophisticated ways of expressing themselves musically, the bass player is in danger of being left behind. The bass player's attitude needs to be learned. The bass guitar is an integral part of the rhythm, supporting the guitar and drums.

Some musical genres are simpler to play. Punk rock is an example. Hard rock has more challenges than pop and blues, while not overly complicated musically, offers challenges for the bass player in the way he expresses musical feeling. If we look at musical styles like funk rock, groove metal, jazz and reggae, the bass is often used more as a lead instrument.

The bottom line is in the guitar player's approach to music. If you are interested in exploring your own creativity and expanding the limitations of your musical style, your guitar's technical difficulties will be just one of many interesting challenges.

As a bass player you will need to learn that there is a time to be playing in the background and a time to be more of a "lead" guitar player. Your interest in being

a musician should, to a large extent, overcome your technical limitations.

If you are interested in playing bass guitar, you could start by learning regular guitar. When you make the transition you will find you will get used to your new instrument easily. You will already know about chords, notes and scales and your hands will already have the physical skills needed to make music.

If you have a burning curiosity about whether the bass is easier to play than the guitar, why not take some of lessons in both? If you don't have the budget for a teacher there are plenty of free lessons on the internet. Just Google "free bass guitar lessons". And don't forget to check out the [bass guitar lessons on YouTube.](#)

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