



PLAYING SMOOTH

ELIMINATING THE ROBOTIC SOUND IN YOUR TOUCH



The Problem: Growing players have a choppy, robotic sound to their playing. They are playing the right notes (mostly) but it sounds like a broken robot is playing them.

Goal: Play lines & chords flowing together – each note leading to the next. Each chord dovetailing or overlapping into the next.

The Solution: Focus on where notes are ending. Become aware of the overlapping of tones.

- 1) For Single Notes Lines – Play lines with even rhythms letting each note flow into the next.
- 2) For Chords – Let the notes ring together. Move fingers independently so that some are holding notes while others are moving.

Grab your guitar and let's learn!

Chord Connecting Exercise

Play the following exercise very slowly trying to hold each note for as long as possible especially the note emphasized. Then gradually speed up.

C **Am7** **F2** **G**

Let all notes ring together. Hold C while other fingers change. Hold G. Hold B

T
A
B

Em **Am7** **F2** **G** **C**

T
A
B