

Fingerpicking Basics

p = thumb i = index
m = middle a = ring

Fingerpicking is a prominent technique in folk music and acoustic guitar playing in general. You'll hear players like Paul Simon, Bob Dylan, James Taylor use these all the time. The patterns below are a great place to start.

1) C Am F G

p p i p m p i

2) C Am F G

p p i p m p i

3) C Am F G

p p i p m p i

4) C Am F G

p i p m

5) C Am F G

p i m a