

# Jazz Licks - How You Write Jazz Licks

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Standard tuning

♩ = 120

Example 1

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**Cm7** **F7** **B<sup>b</sup> maj7**

*mf*

Example 1 shows three chords: Cm7, F7, and B<sup>b</sup> maj7. The Cm7 chord is marked with a dynamic of *mf*. The guitar TAB below shows the fretting for each chord: Cm7 (8-8-8-8), F7 (8-8-7-8), and B<sup>b</sup> maj7 (6-7-7-6).

Example 2

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**Cm7**

Example 2 shows a four-note lick on the Cm7 chord. The notes are G<sup>b</sup>4, A<sup>b</sup>4, B<sup>b</sup>4, and C5. The guitar TAB below shows the fretting: 10-8-8-11.

Example 3

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**Cm7** **F7**

Example 3 shows a five-note lick on the Cm7 chord, followed by a whole note F7 chord. The notes are G<sup>b</sup>5, A<sup>b</sup>5, B<sup>b</sup>5, C6, and D6. The guitar TAB below shows the fretting: 10-8-8-11-10.

Example 4

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**Cm7** **F7**

Example 4 shows a seven-note lick on the Cm7 chord, followed by a whole note F7 chord. The notes are G<sup>b</sup>7, A<sup>b</sup>7, B<sup>b</sup>7, C8, B<sup>b</sup>7, A<sup>b</sup>7, and G<sup>b</sup>7. The guitar TAB below shows the fretting: 10-8-8-11-8-11-8-9-10.

Example 5

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**Cm7** **F7**

Example 5 shows a nine-note lick on the Cm7 chord, followed by a whole note F7 chord. The notes are G<sup>b</sup>9, A<sup>b</sup>9, B<sup>b</sup>9, C9, B<sup>b</sup>9, A<sup>b</sup>9, G<sup>b</sup>9, F<sup>b</sup>9, and E<sup>b</sup>9. The guitar TAB below shows the fretting: 10-8-8-11-10-8-11-8-10.

Example 6

**Cm7** **F7**

T  
A  
B

Example 7

**Cm7** **F7**

T  
A  
B

Example 8

**Cm7** **F7** **B♭ maj7**

T  
A  
B

Example 9

**Cm7** **F7** **B♭ maj7**

T  
A  
B

Example 10

**Cm7** **F7** **B♭ maj7**

T  
A  
B

Example 11

Musical notation for Example 11, measures 24-26. Chords: Cm7, F7, Bb maj7. Includes guitar TAB.

T	8	8	11	8	11	8	9	10	9	7	10	9	7	8	6	7
A	10	8														
B																

Example 12

Musical notation for Example 12, measures 27-29. Chords: Cm7, F7, Bb maj7. Includes guitar TAB.

T	8	8	11	8	11	8	9	10	7	9	5	7	8	7		
A	10	8														
B																

Example 13

Musical notation for Example 13, measures 30-32. Chords: Cm7, F7, Bb maj7. Includes guitar TAB.

T	8	8	11	8	11	8	9	10	8	9	7	6	8	6	7	
A	10	8														
B																