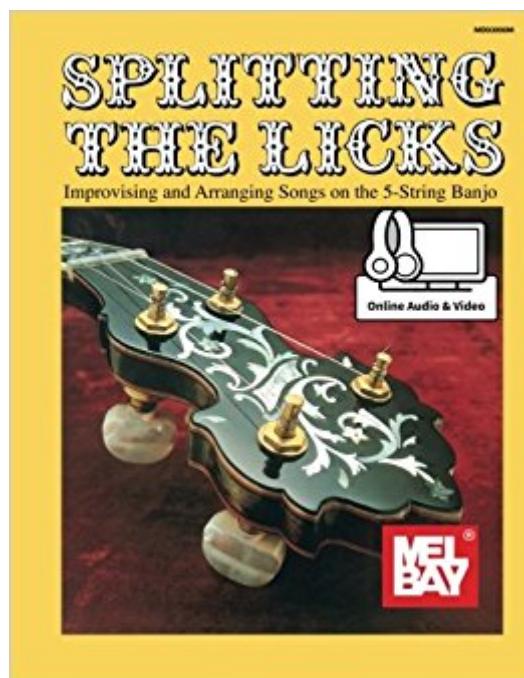


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# Splitting The Licks: Improvising And Arranging Songs On The 5-String Banjo



## **Synopsis**

Leads the banjo player step-by-step through working out songs for the five-string banjo from basic melodies in both Scruggs/bluegrass style and melodic/chromatic style. Each section contains exercises and examples for improvising. Furthermore, this book teaches how to arrange music based on concepts of they teach so well! This is one of her finest. In tablature. Video and extended play audio download available online

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is not necessarily for the beginner unless they already have a similar picking style on other string instruments. Otherwise they will need to spend many, many months on just the first part of the DVD (roll patterns) before moving on to the rest. I have been playing "old Time" and folk style banjo for over thirty years and just wanted to learn a few "bluegrass" licks. I bought the book as well as the DVD and together they provide an excellent illustration of Janet Davis's style and would recommend both book and DVD to anyone interested in improving their techniques. She segregates the music into various components and provides easy to follow instructions. Any individual that can master the "rolls" can use this dvd/book to become as good as their talent allows.

A classic for people learning banjo because it shows a logical way to learn to improvise.

a bit advanced. But her You CAN teach yourself banjo might be easier for beginners.

One of my favorites!

This is a terrific book, and every Scruggs-style player should have a copy. Frustrated because you are tied to tabs which tell you every single note to play, with no room to think for yourself? This book will show you how to build arrangements from the melody. Janet takes you through the process step-by-step until you have a song that is YOUR arrangement. She plays every arrangement, and they are all at a slow tempo except for the last version of each tune, which is how it should be. She has also included just a ton of fill-in licks, endings, and beginnings which will keep you busy for a long time. Learn these "building blocks" and sprinkle them in your songs. This is my favorite book - my only complaint is that it is not large enough!

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