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Some one ask the best way to practice a new song. **Before you try to play the song...**

1. Look it over for new, different or difficult chords – Practice them.
2. Look for chord runs, turn-a-rounds, Intros or Tags – Practice them.
3. **Now** play the song, strumming one strum on each chord change while you hum, whistle or sing the melody.
4. Go, as slow as you need to, speed will come later, work on being smooth from one chord to another.
5. After all of the above, **Play along** with the song on YouTube or a CD to get the timing. This will help you determine which chords get 1 beat, 2 beats, etc.

But, the important thing is not to rush to Step 5 and skip the tough chords. Practice, practice, practice...

Jerry