

LICK OF THE WEEK

Earl Hooker *Earl's Boogie Woogie*

This intro lick opens up Earl Hooker's instrumental tune, *Earl's Boogie Woogie*, from his album, **Two Bugs and a Roach** (Arhoolie #ARHCD 324). It was recorded in 1968, and released by Arhoolie in 1993. It's a great album, with a pretty good spectrum of his work.

Earl is an all too often overlooked Chicago bluesman. With so many giants from there, including Muddy Waters, Buddy Guy, Sonny Boy Williamson and more, it's easy to see how. But if you don't know his music, you are missing a great and unique musician. He had a range of feels from funky to ethereal.

This tune is down to earth and rockin'. It's in the key of E, and the intro is played down at the nut, using pattern 1 of the E minor pentatonic scale, with the high-E note doubled on the 2nd string. The G# at the end is from the E major chord. It's all pretty clear, and the fingering is obvious, so I leave it up to you.

Enjoy.

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