

LICK OF THE WEEK

Earl Hooker *Two Bugs and a Roach*

This lick is taken from Earl Hooker's instrumental, *Two Bugs and a Roach*, from his album of the same name (1968, Arhoolie # CD-324). It has a funky groove, and the guitar part is not entirely unlike Buddy Guy's "*Mary Had a Little Lamb*." On the recording, Earl and another of the musicians give a funny dialog where Hooker talks about the size of the bugs plaguing him, and how he has to stomp on them. Meanwhile, the music is playing.

It's from pattern 1 of the E minor pentatonic scale, up at the 12th fret. You should have no trouble playing it.

This track is worth the price of the CD alone. Great playing and great humor.

Enjoy.

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