

# LESSON #27: GRACE NOTES

Grace notes are musical ornaments, or embellishments, that usually are not part of the piece of music that you are playing. Grace notes hold no rhythmic value. What they do is add a stylistic component to the music to give character and personality to what would normally be played the same by everyone. While grace notes may be added by the composer to achieve a certain sound, they are usually added by the performer. In blues bass, grace notes can be a great way to personalize a part and take a bend-like approach to any note that you are playing.

## Execution

Grace notes can be played with various techniques, including hammer-ons, pull-offs, slides, and bends. Let's take a look at some of these techniques within the same line.

### EXAMPLE 1



Slowly ♩ = 74

Normal

Downward Slide

Upward Slide

Hammer-On

Pull-Off

Bend