

# Bluegrass Breaks: Mandolin

## by Dix Bruce

**25 Bluegrass Mandolin Solos! • 13 Kickoffs! • 4 Back up Parts!**

A varied collection of solos in a range of styles and levels of difficulty  
Aimed at advanced beginners to intermediates

*Includes extensive notes on the breaks and the techniques used to play them! You'll learn:*

Easy melodic solos/breaks • More advanced solos with blue notes, arpeggios, and more

• Double stop solos • Essential fiddle tunes every mandolin player should know

• Crosspicking solos • A variety of kickoffs or introductions • Different styles of back up mandolin.

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