

## Book 6: Jazz Piano Made Easy

### Key Focus:

Swing rhythm

Jazz voicings

Improvisation

### Practice Exercise:

II–V–I Progression in C Major:

Dm7 → G7 → Cmaj7

Use rootless voicings:

Dm7: FAC (omit root)

G7: FBD (omit root)

Cmaj7: EGB (omit root)

LH: Play guide tones (3rd & 7th), RH: add extensions if desired

Play with a swing eighth feel

### Bonus Tip:

Improvise simple melodic phrases using the C major scale or C major pentatonic over:

"Autumn Leaves" chord changes

Focus on target notes (chord tones) and rhythmic variety

### Recommended Resources:

Jazz Piano Fundamentals (Book 1) by Jeremy Siskind

Hal Leonard Jazz Piano Method Book 1 by Mark Davis

Jazz Piano for the Young Beginner by Misha V. Stefanuk

Premier Piano Course: Jazz, Rags & Blues Book 6 by Martha Mier

### Supplemental Techniques:

Swing Feel: Practice converting straight 8ths to swing using triplet subdivision

Shell Voicings: Root + 3rd + 7th for comping

Rootless Voicings: Use 3rd, 7th, 9th, and 13th for lush textures

Improvisation Starter: Limit solo to 35 notes, play with rhythm and space

### **Learning Strategy:**


Transcribe simple jazz licks


Practice call and response: imitate jazz solos


Play along with iReal Pro or YouTube backing tracks

Gradually increase tempo only after achieving control

### **More to Explore**

 Study voicings and comping at LearnJazzStandards or The Jazz Piano Site

 Watch jazz improvisation demos on platforms like Piano With Jonny

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### **Did You Know?**

Jazz pianist Bill Evans emphasized the importance of learning from recordings. His advice:

"Transcribe not just notes, but phrasing, articulation, and emotion."

### **Downloadable Practice Sheet:**

 **Download link coming soon...**

 **Ready to improvise with confidence, play beautiful jazz voicings, and finally \*swing\*?**

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