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Staff You Need To Know

Track #: 5
Tunings: dd-A-D
Key: D
Speed/Difficulty: Moderate/Tricky
Repetitions: 6
Length of track: 4x15
Style: Banjo Bounce

What makes "Old Yellow Dog" so tricky is the relative simplicity of this arrangement. With only slight banjo and guitar leading out of the gate, you have to pay very close attention to nail the loopy melody line with good rhythm. It's a good idea to work on this one with just the melody for awhile until you have figured out the finger placement that works best for you. Once you're comfortable, begin adding in the chords. Tempo is a perky 97 b.p.m.

Also, those full stops require some concentration to be sure you come back in on the right beat. The sudden stopping may be jarring, but things like that happen in real band situations all the time.

You'll notice that I mostly cross-pick this tune, with the chords as added support. Try it that way, and also by playing the notes while strumming across all the strings - it'll give you a different texture. The bass string solo section is just a suggestion - there's lots of fun you can have with this tune!