1. **Just play.** Seriously. Put this paper down and go play your harp for 5 minutes. See how easy that was? Many people have a very loud inner voice that is trying to tell them they can’t play an instrument. Nothing will still that voice faster than just playing.

2. **Strum and Pluck.** Strum all the strings at once and while the strings are still ringing, pluck a series of single notes at random. Notice how all the strings sounding from the first strum provide a nice foundation for the individual notes. Experiment with this idea.

3. **Explore Rhythm.** Pluck strings at random until you stumble upon a rhythmic pattern that you like. Pay more attention to the rhythm than the notes you are playing remembering that any note will sound OK. Notice if the rhythm wants to change over time. Let it change. Just be with the rhythm and follow wherever it goes.

4. **Explore Melody.** Sit quietly and pluck strings randomly until you hear a phrase or combination of notes that sounds like a pleasing melody. Try to repeat what you just played. See how the melody wants to be and how you respond to it. See how it changes over time. Maybe you change it on purpose or maybe you hit a “wrong note” but feel like the “wrong note” is better...

5. **Mix it up.** Combine any of these ideas together. Find a melody and then change the rhythm. Find a rhythm and then change the melody. Add a full strum into a melody or rhythm.

6. **Use a Songsheet.** If you want to play a familiar melody on the Reverie Harp you can use some of the included songsheets. See our directions for Using Songsheets on the other side of this sheet.
Using Songsheets

1. Take note of which tuning is shown on the sheet, and make sure your harp is tuned the same.

2. Slide the song sheet under the strings with the note names nearest the tuning pins, as shown.

3. Carefully line up the notes on the paper with the correct strings on the instrument.

4. If you use these song sheets with patients in a hospital, you should have them laminated with a plastic coating so you can easily clean them with sanitizing wipes between patients.

HINT: You might want to mark where the paper contacts one or both of the tuning pins on each side of the instrument. Then you can use a scissors and/or paper punch to make a “locator hole” in the paper to help hold the page in place.

Checkout our website for more songsheets Log on to www.harpkit.com/reverieharp and check out the Playing section.
Wayfaring Stranger
Peace Like a River
Ezekiel Saw the Wheel
Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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