

4 VERY USEFUL STRUMS IN 4 / 4 TIME for the UKULELE

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The Shuffle Pattern:

Played by going down (↓) with the back of the index finger (the nail), then coming up (↑) with the flesh of the index finger.

Simply playing 'down / up / down / up / down / up / down / up' etc.

There are two versions of this shuffle pattern:

1. The straight shuffle is an even rhythm just going straight down and up four times to the bar with each of the 8 strokes having the same amount of time,

i.e. '1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and'

2. The swing shuffle has a more syncopated sound to it with the emphasis on the down strokes of the shuffle which are held a little longer than the up strokes

3. The Church lick: is played 'down / down / up', as with the shuffle by playing down (↓) with the back of the index finger and playing up (↑) with the flesh of the index finger.

4. The Calypso: Has a more Latin feel but can be used in many places as it fits 4 / 4 time, and rolling ballads.

It is played: Down / down / up / up / down / up

The first down stroke is the accented beat and held longer than the others.

To hear how all these work listen to *Ukulele Mike* and play along with him, here's the Youtube link:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_dIPS9R8kU