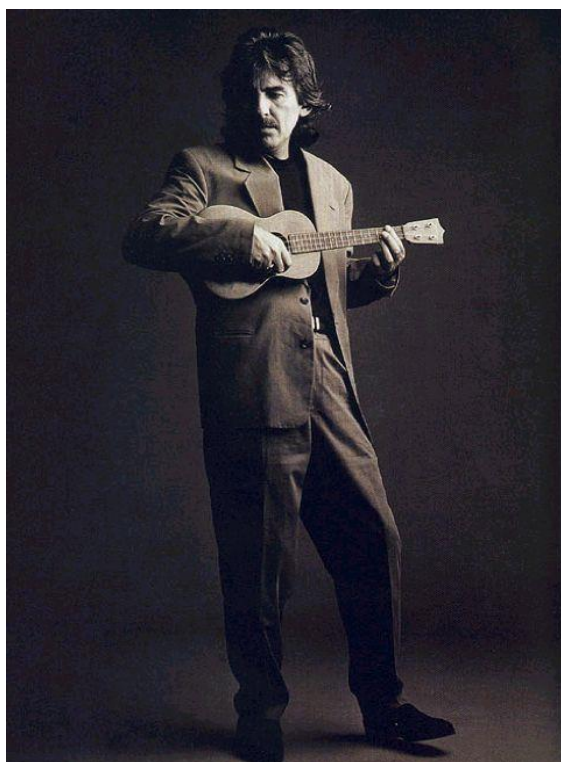




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Beginners Guide



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Everybody should have and play a 'UKE' its so simple to carry with you and it is one instrument you cant play and not laugh! Its so sweet and also very old - some are made of wood - some are made of armadillo's. I love them - the more the merrier - Everyone I know who is into the ukulele is 'crackers' so get yourself a few and enjoy yourselves - love from

George (keoki)

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Jo Harrison

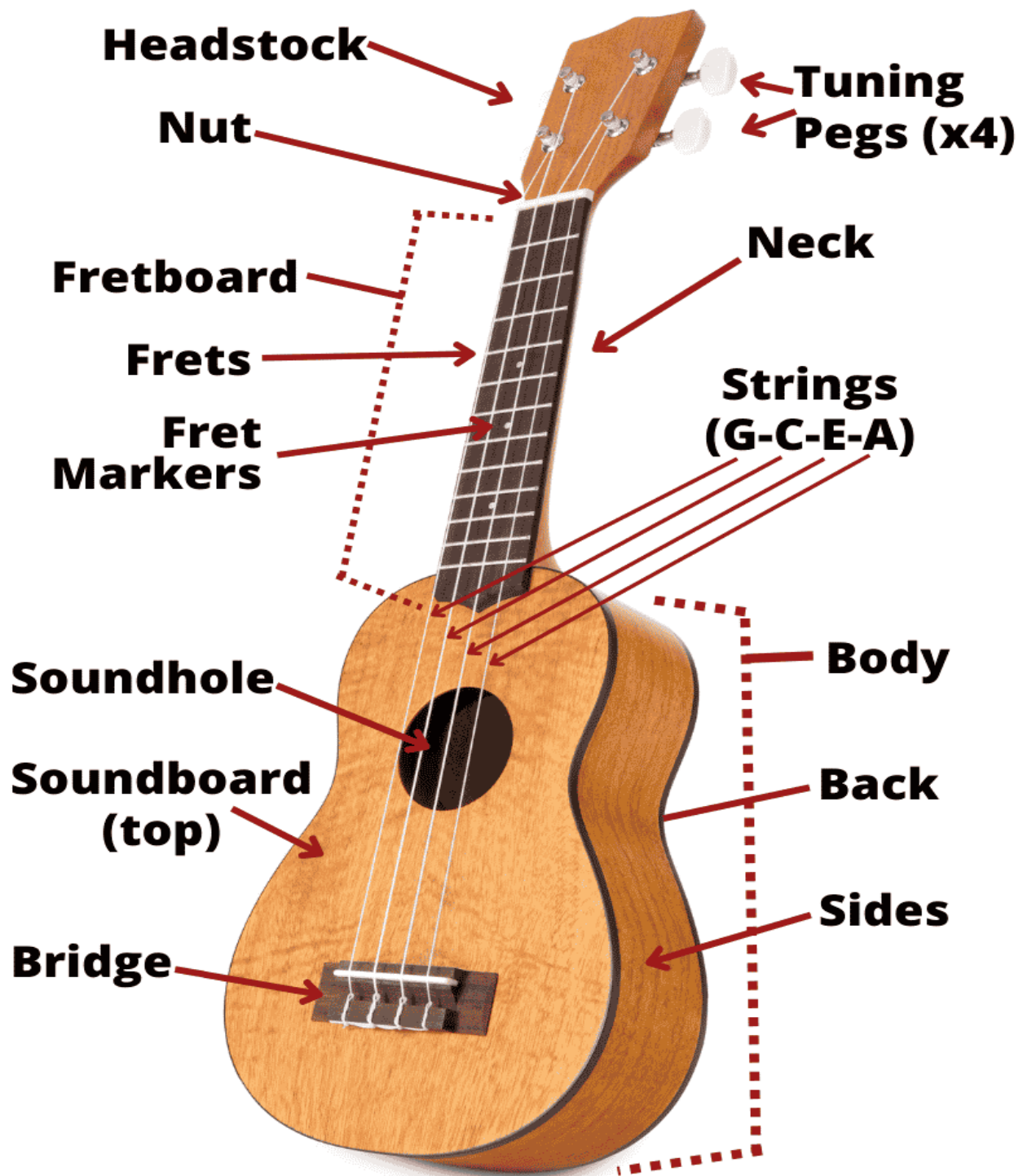
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Parts of a Ukulele





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Types of Ukulele



The Soprano, Concert and Tenor ukuleles are usually tuned G C E A.

The Baritone ukulele is tuned like the top four strings of a guitar, D G B E.



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How to hold a Ukulele



Holding the uke at the 2:00 position makes it easier to reach with the left hand and makes proper right hand positioning much easier.



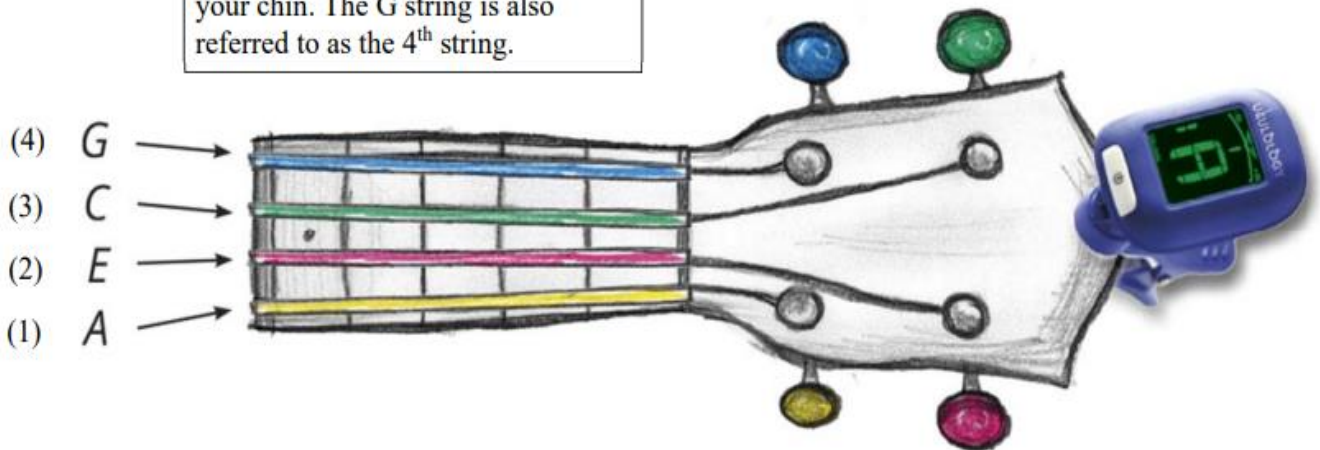
The left hand should pivot on the thumb when moving on the neck. If your thumb is over the top of the neck or too high up on the back of the neck it makes changing chords



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Strings and Tuning

The G string is the one closest to your chin. The G string is also referred to as the 4th string.



You will need to buy a tuner. Tune your ukulele by plucking the string and turning the corresponding tuning peg until your tuner shows the string is in tune.

The tuner shown here clips onto the headstock of your ukulele. The top centre of the dial will light up green when the string is in tune.

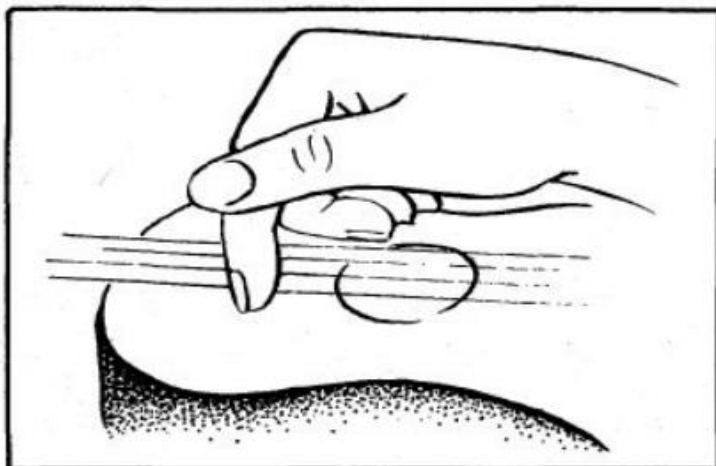
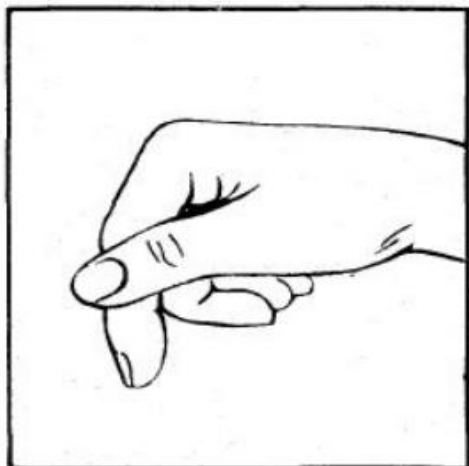




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Strumming

Start with a loose fist



Strum with the index finger of your right hand, fingernail side down. When you strum down, you should be hitting the strings with your nail. When strumming up, use the fleshy tip of your finger.

How to read Strumming Patterns

“d” down strum

“u” up strum

“-” missed strum

“x” muted string

An upper case letter means emphasize.

The number over the letter shows the beat it falls on.

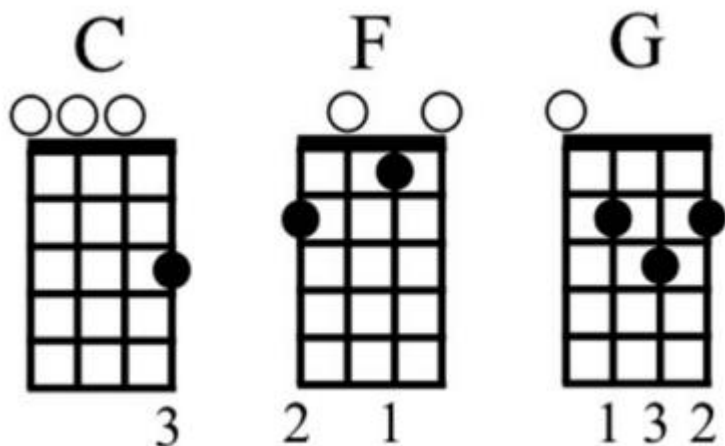
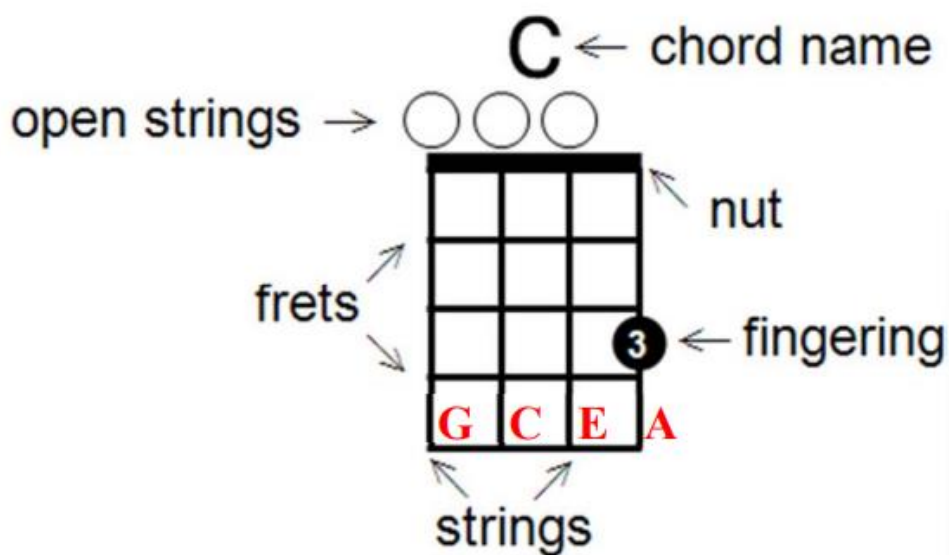
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &
d u d u d u d u

1 down and up 2 down and up 3 down and up 4 down and up



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Reading Chord Diagrams



The numbers under the chord diagrams indicate the fingers you should use when forming the chord.

See picture above to match the numbers with the corresponding fingers.



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Ukulele Chord Chart

'G C E A' Standard Tuning

C 	C7 	Cm 	Cm7 	Cdim 	Caug 	C6 	Cmaj7 	C9
Db 	Db7 	Dbm 	Dbm7 	Dbdim 	Dbaug 	Db6 	Dbmaj7 	Db9
D 	D7 	Dm 	Dm7 	Ddim 	Daug 	D6 	Dmaj7 	D9
Eb 	Eb7 	Ebm 	Ebm7 	Ebdim 	Ebaug 	Eb6 	Ebmaj7 	Eb9
E 	E7 	Em 	Em7 	Edim 	Eaug 	E6 	Emaj7 	E9
F 	F7 	Fm 	Fm7 	Fdim 	Faug 	F6 	Fmaj7 	F9



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Gb	Gb7	Gbm	Gbm7	Gbdim	Gbaug	Gb6	Gbmaj7	Gb9
G	G7	Gm	Gm7	Gdim	Gaug	G6	Gmaj7	G9
Ab	Ab7	Abm	Abm7	Abdim	Abaug	Ab6	Abmaj7	Ab9
A	A7	Am	Am7	Adim	Aaug	A6	Amaj7	A9
Bb	Bb7	Bbm	Bbm7	Bbdim	Bbaug	Bb6	Bbmaj7	Bb9
B	B7	Bm	Bm7	Bdim	Baug	B6	Bmaj7	B9



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Top Tips

- Keep your ukulele near to hand so you can practise easily whenever you have a spare few minutes.
- Try to play for at least 10 minutes every day.
- Don't get worried about strumming at first. Focus on learning the chords and developing your 'finger memory.'
- We all have off days, so even if you think you're not getting anywhere don't despair. Just try again later 😊

Recommended Resources

YouTube:

- Cynthia Lin – Your First Ukulele
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0mJxQbXWAc&list=PLODvOB1QB53XF7wKXG6pilnWA8c4raRrh>
- The Ukulele Teacher – Your FIRST Ukulele Lesson
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oM8VeAXdHA4>

Online:

- BUS website - <http://www.babbacombeukulele.co.uk/>
- Jim's Song Book - <https://ozbcoz.com/Songs/>
- Ukutabs - <https://ukutabs.com>



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BUS Beginner Tunes

Drunken Sailor

Intro: Dm //// //// C //// //// Dm //// //// Dm // C // Dm ////

(Dm) What shall we do with the drunken sailor

(C) What shall we do with the drunken sailor

(Dm) What shall we do with the drunken sailor

(Dm) // Early - aye (C)// in the (Dm) morning

Chorus

(Dm) Way hay and up she rises

(C) Way hay and up she rises

(Dm) Way hay and up she rises

(Dm)// Earl - aye (C)// in the (Dm) morning

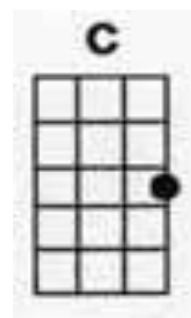
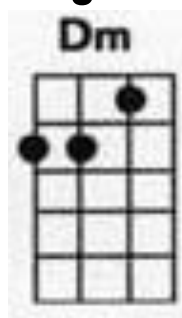
(Dm) Shave his belly with a rusty razor

(C) Shave his belly with a rusty razor

(Dm) Shave his belly with a rusty razor

(Dm) Earl – aye (C) in the (Dm) morning

Repeat Chorus





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Bad Moon Rising

Intro: (C) / / / / (G) / / (F) / / (C) / / / / / / / /

[C] I see the [G]// bad [F]// moon [C] rising,
[C] I see [G]// trouble [F]// on the [C] way
[C] I see [G]// earth [F]// quakes and [C] lightning,
[C] I see [G]// bad [F]// times [C] today [C]

Chorus:

[F] Don't go around tonight,
well it's [C] bound to take your life
[G] There's a [F] bad moon on the [C] rise [C]

[C] I hear [G]// hurri-[F]//canes [C] blowing,
[C] I know the [G]// end is [F]// coming [C] soon
[C] I fear [G]// rivers [F]// over-[C]flowing,
[C] I hear the [G]//voice of [F]//rage and [C]ruin [C]

Repeat Chorus

