

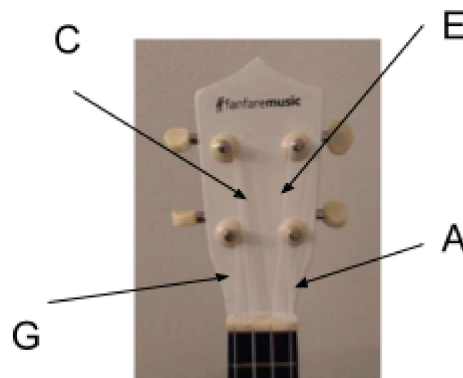
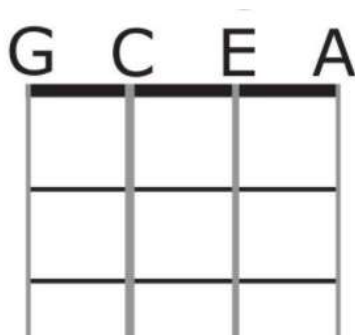
hello ukulele



So now you have a ukulele here is my *seriously* basic starter guide to get you playing some chords really quickly.

Hold your ukulele with the neck in your left hand and the body of the ukulele against your body.

First you need to tune your ukulele:



String 1 (the string furthest away from you when holding correctly) is tuned to the A above middle C.

String 2 is tuned to the E above middle C.

String 3 is tuned to middle C.

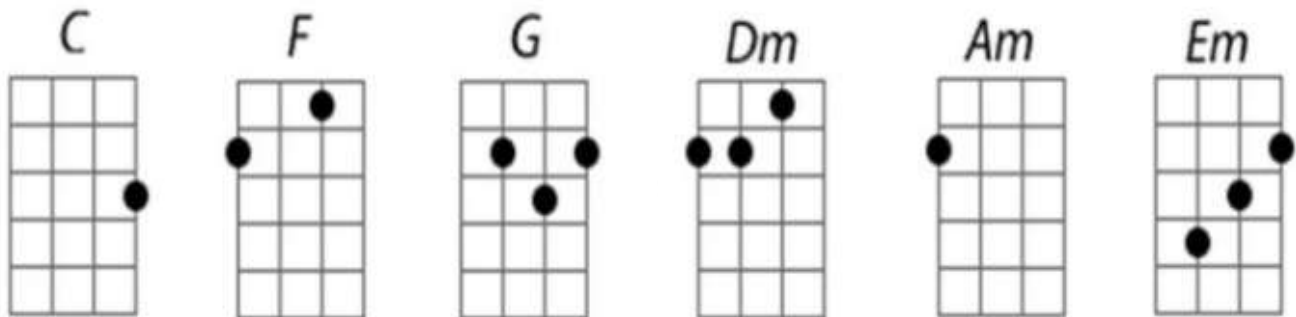
String 4 is tuned to the G above middle C.

To tune your ukulele you can either tune to a piano or use an electronic tuner (you can buy really cheap ones online).

You will find that your ukulele will go out of tune quickly at first - this is because the strings will creep and loosen and need to be retuned several times before they reach equilibrium.

Now you're ready for some chords!

To play a chord place your fingers firmly on the strings just behind the frets on the fretboard in the positions shown on the tablatures below.



These are six basic chords which sound good when played together in any order. They are common chords which you will find used in a lot of songs.

Start to play!

Hold your hand in a loose fist shape and moving the hand from the wrist when you strum down hit the strings with the nail of the index finger and when you strum up, hit the strings with your fingertip.

Once you've learned the finger positions experiment with strumming patterns.

d - strum down, u - strum up, / - pause.

Try the following:

d / d u / u d /

d / d u / u d u

d / d u d u d u

If you'd like to learn more about your ukulele, have a look at my videos, follow Fanfare Music on Facebook and don't forget to share your ideas, comments and videos with us.

#strumdaysunday - post a video or picture on our Facebook page of you strumming on a Sunday!

Happy strumming!

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