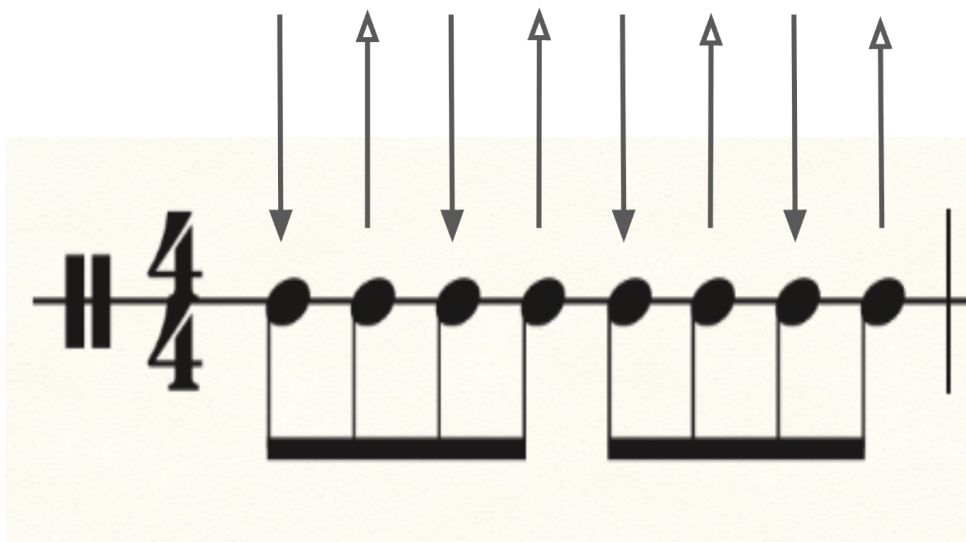


Five Levels of Strumming

Breaking down a basic strum pattern into its base components to unlock dynamic playing and expressiveness within your daily playing. Built off of the Austin Ukulele Society's Three Little Birds strum along.

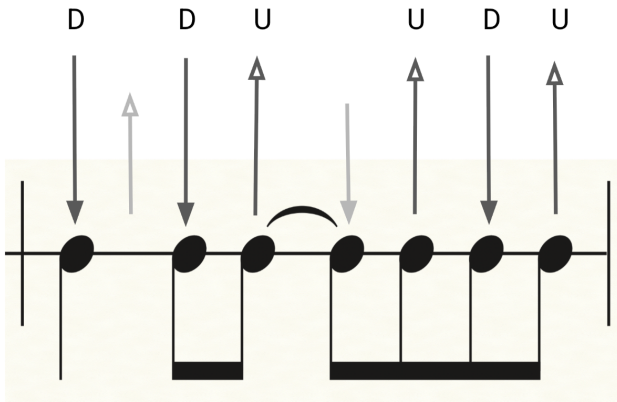
Strumming Review: Keep constant down-up motion, even when you're not hitting all the notes. It can sometimes be impractical (like with level 2 strum) but still an underrated fundamental.



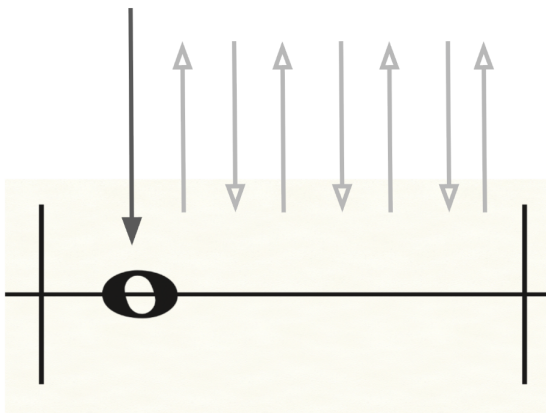
While this might seem useless at first, especially for more simple strum patterns, it introduces a framework from which different and more complicated strum patterns can be easily switched between. Pay special attention to this fundamental when doing the basic island strum you know and love today.

You may not get everything from the workshop on your first try, but even if you don't, keep these concepts in mind as you practice later!

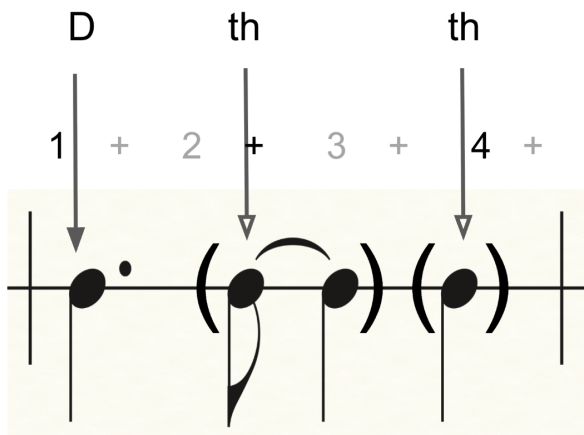
Level 4: The classic island strum. Yes, level 4. Let me cook...



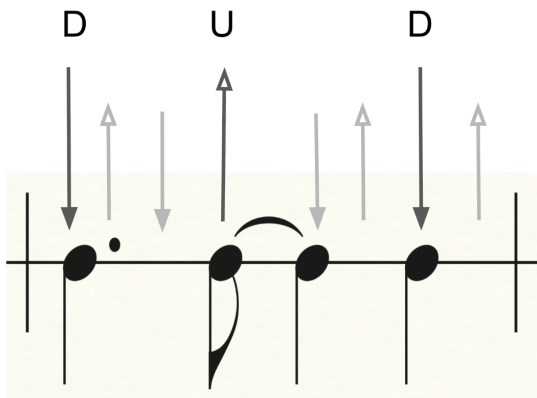
Level 1: Single strum. Back to basics. Just convey the chord, no rhythm.



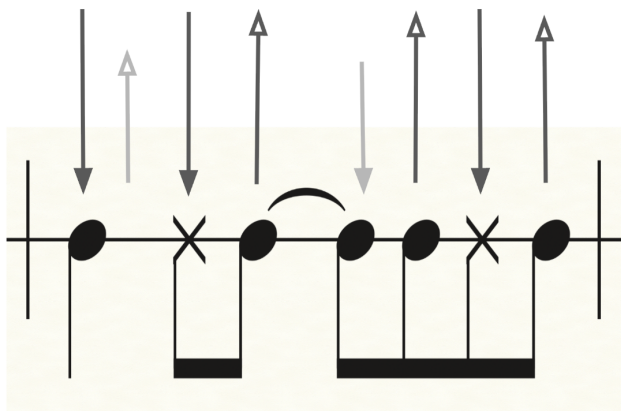
Level 2: Introduce the key rhythms, but softly, with 'feathering'. Th denotes thumb.



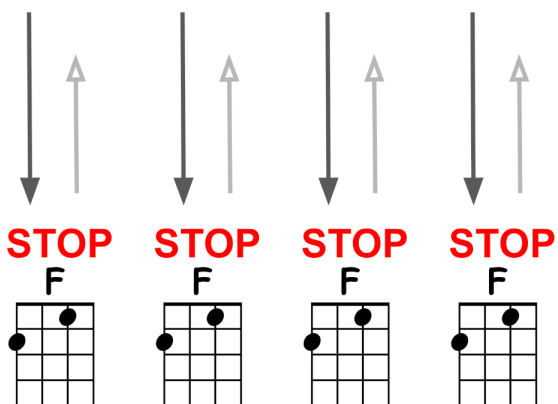
Level 3: Outlining the key rhythms, but with full strums. Building towards the full island strum.



Level 5: Island Strum + Snare hits (chucking) on accented beats (2 & 4)



Bonus Level: Continuous Stops with the left hand. Some advanced left hand muting, in case you were bored.



C
 Don't worry about a thing,
F **C**
 Cause every little thing is gonna be alright
C
 Don't worry about a thing,
F **C**
 Cause every little thing is gonna be alright

C **G**
 Rise up this morning, smile with the rising sun
C **F**
 Three little birds, sit by my doorstep
C **G**
 Singing sweet songs of melodies pure and true
F STOP **C**
 Singin' this is my message to you-ou-ou

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Level 1: Single Strums

Level 2: Bare Bones (Feathered)

Level 3: Bare Bones (Strummed)

Level 4: Island Strum

Bonus Level: Continuous Stops

Level 5: Island Strum + Snare