

INTRODUCTION TO THE UKULELE

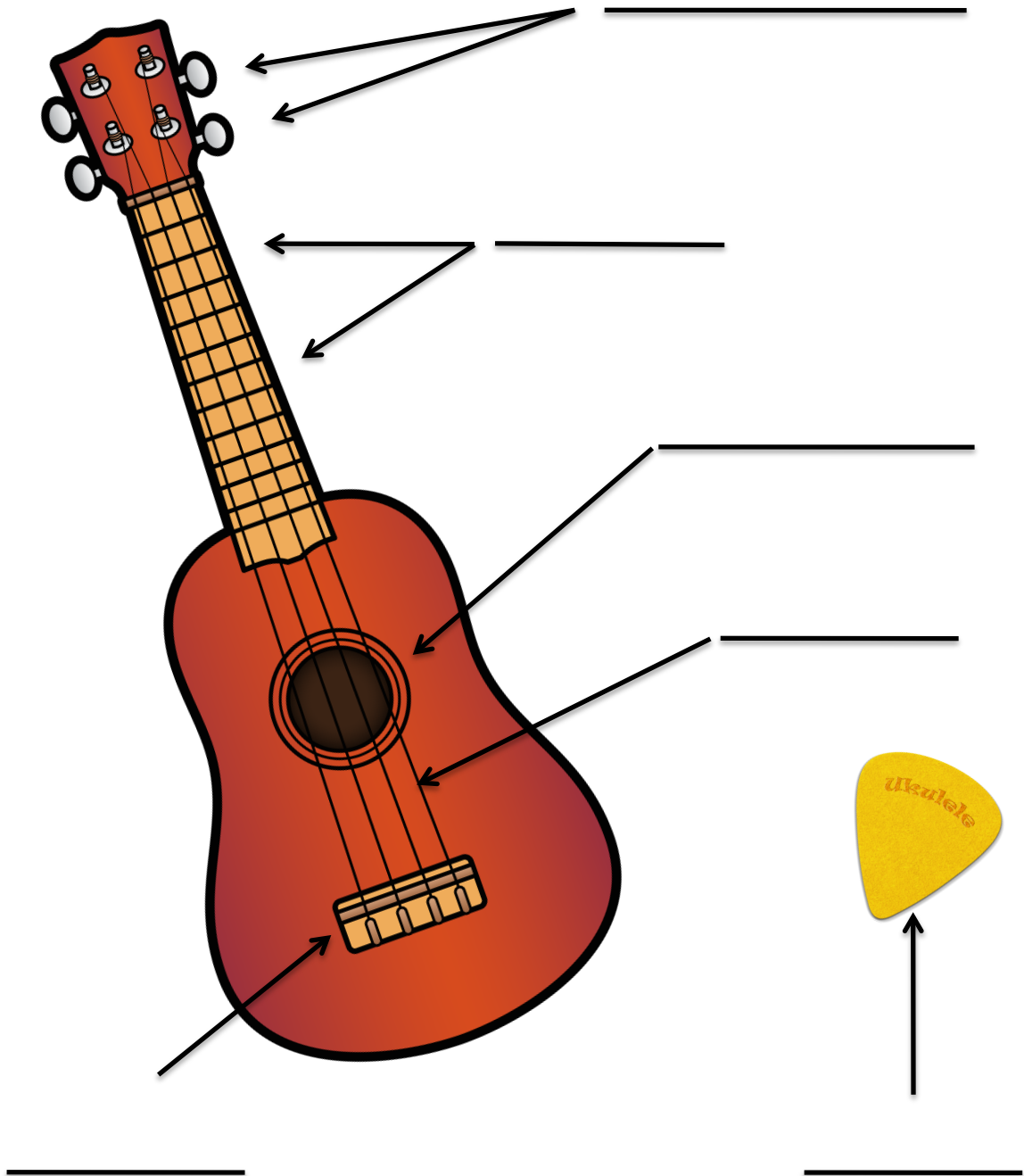
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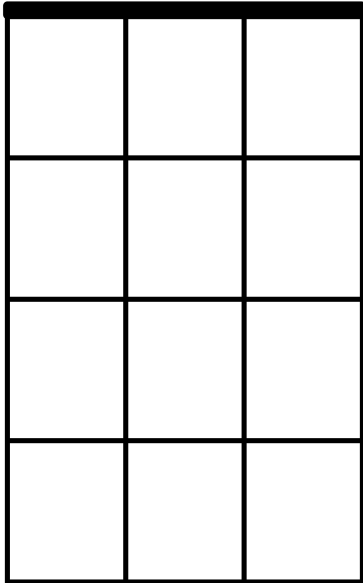


Parts of the Ukulele

Label the parts of the ukulele below.

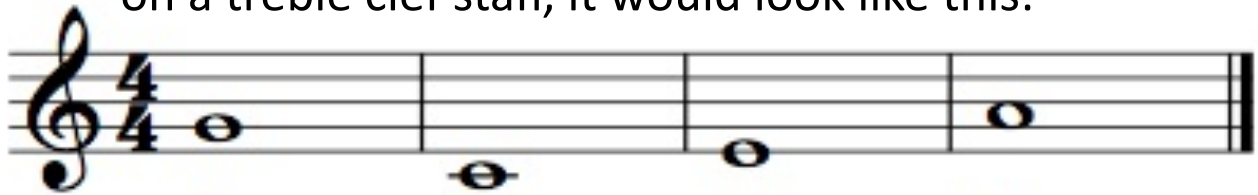


Ukulele Strings



1. Label the **string numbers** above the chord diagram.
2. Label the **string letter names** below the chord diagram.

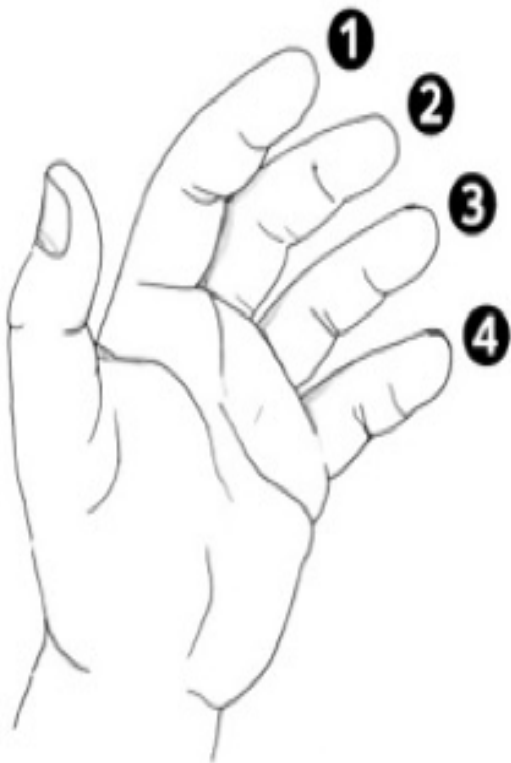
If you were to put the four strings of a ukulele on a treble clef staff, it would look like this:



Create a mnemonic device to help you remember the string letter names:

Hands & Finger Numbers

Your left hand holds down strings on the fret board. Your fingers are numbered like this.

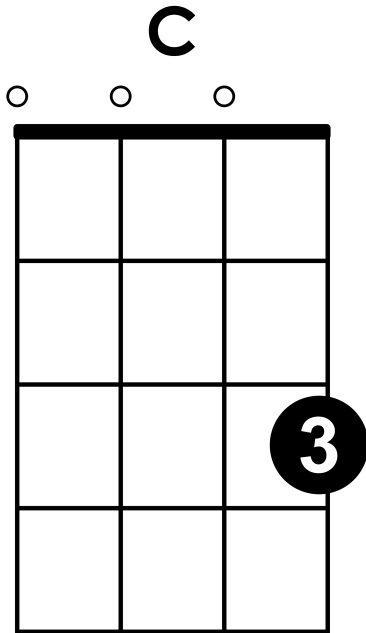


Your thumb is **NOT** numbered. Your thumb will be resting behind the neck while your other four fingers hold down strings to create pitches and chords.

Your right hand will be strumming and/or plucking the strings down by the sound hole.



Our First Chord: C Major



This is called a **chord diagram**.

You will notice it looks just like the first four frets on your Ukulele.

The circles on the top of the diagram mean those strings are **open**. (no left hand fingers are holding them down)

To play a **C Major Chord**, place the 3rd finger of your left hand between the second and third frets on the A string. Remember to anchor your left thumb on the neck.

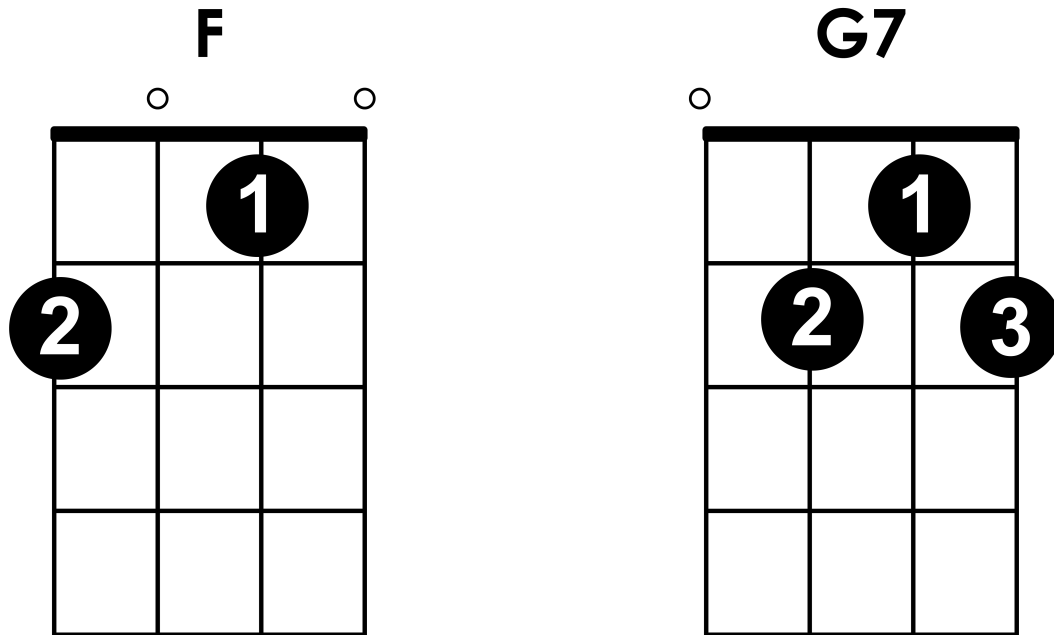
Practice strumming a C major chord:

Down-strum: towards the floor

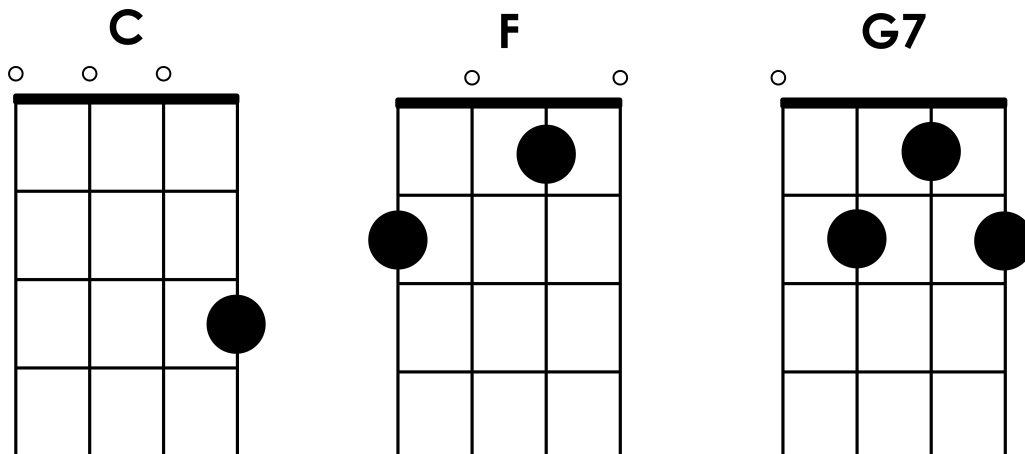
Up-strum: towards the ceiling

F Major and G7

Next, try playing these two new chords:



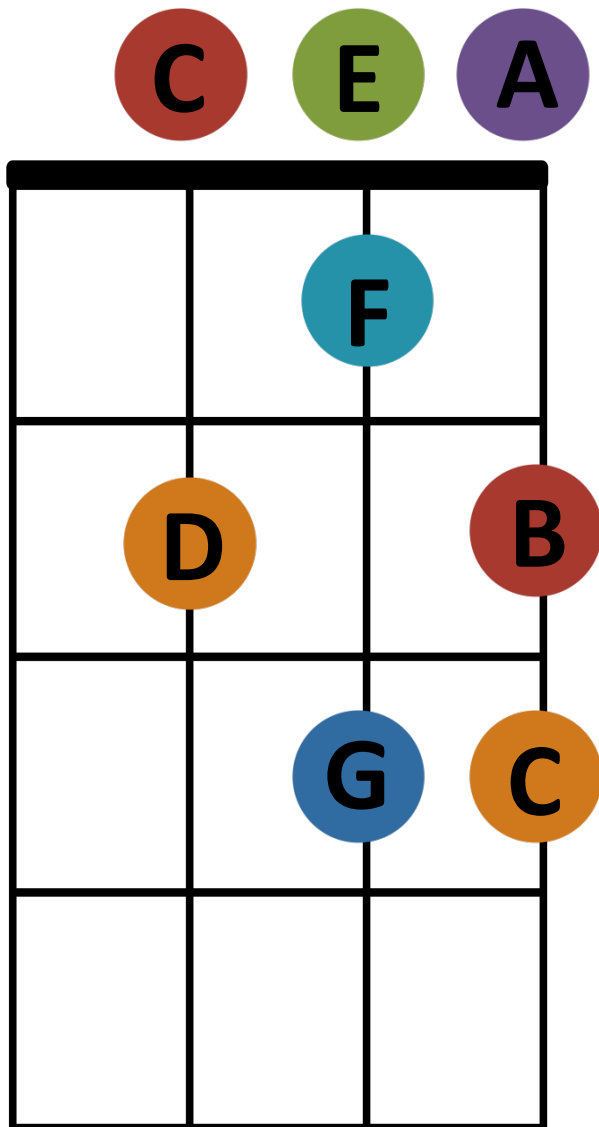
Practice going back and forth between the three chords we've learned so far!



Playing a C Major Scale



Let's learn how to play a C Major Scale on the Ukulele:



← The letters **above** the fretboard indicate open strings (no fingers down in left hand)

Begin with the open middle "C" string on the left side and move down each string until you end on the high "C"