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# Introduction

The Colorful Ukulele is a simple and straight forward method for young children.

The student will learn the basic strumming, chord positions and music notation, through the use of colors on the Ukulele fingerboard, making it easy to find the correct frets, and be able to play simple chords and music notes, without any prior music knowledge.

Once the first four chords are learnt, the student will learn how to sing nine very well known children songs. The second part of this book, is dedicated to learn the music notes, playing melodies combining single notes and chords.

The instrument used with this method and book need to be adapted adding the colors patterns on the fingerboard (with full diagram and examples within to convert your own!)

This book included 31 audio tracks that accompany the lessons. They feature full demonstrations of the exercises and songs the student will learn. The stickers sheet with the colors pattern for the Ukulele fingerboard is included in the book. (*Follow the instructions*)

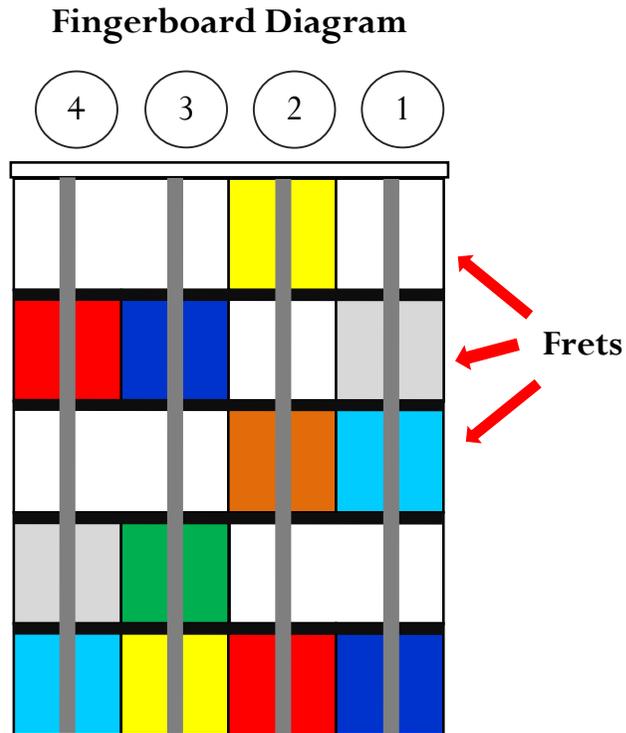
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I appreciate your trust in getting this book for your child, and hope you enjoy following this simple music method tailored from my own teaching experience with both my students, and my children.

Many Thanks!

*Armando Lopez Moreno*

# Fingerboard Diagram



## Adapting the Ukulele

In our Ukulele Method, it is very important to adapt the instrument with the appropriate colors for every fret on the fingerboard.

Here is the fingerboard diagram and the picture as the example.

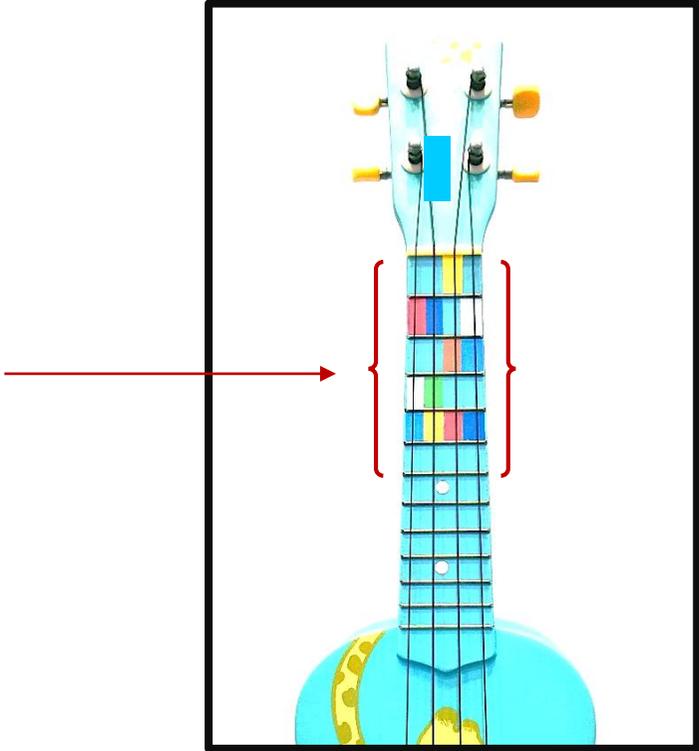
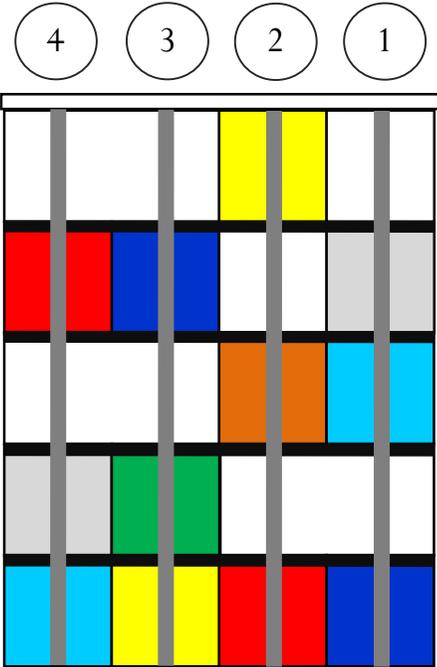
In the last page of this book you will find the colors charts in a stickers sheet to cut and paste on the ukulele fingerboard, as showing in the picture next page.

Watch our video example in our website.

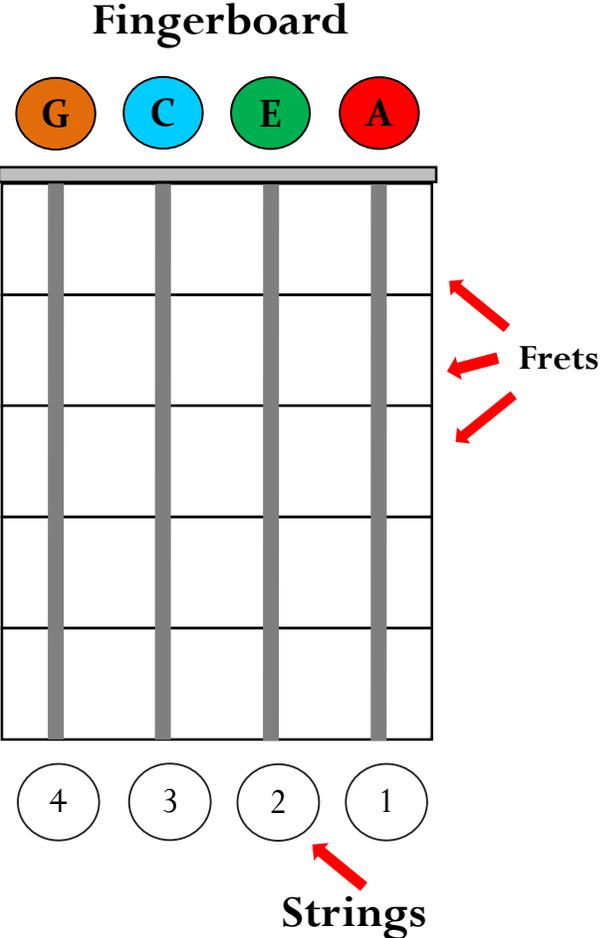
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# Fingerboard Picture

Fingerboard Diagram



# Strings and Tuning



## Ukulele Strings:

The Ukulele has four strings, and we count them from the bottom string to the top.

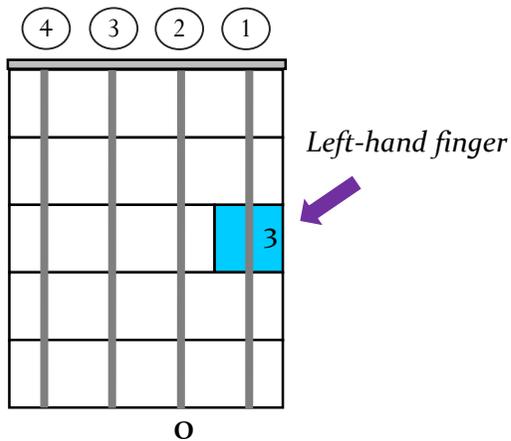
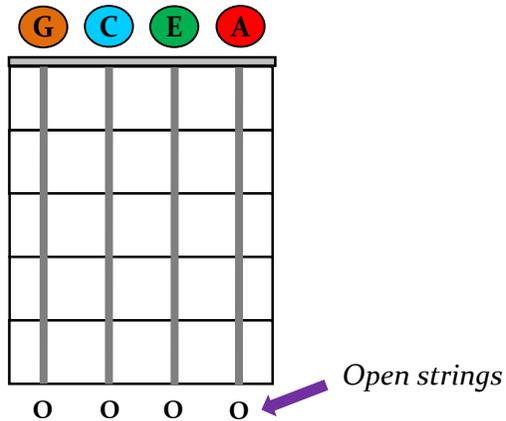
## Standard Tuning

The first string is **A**, second is **E**, third **C**, and fourth is **G**

Pitches: **A** **E** **C** **G**

Strings: first second third fourth

# Open Strings & Fingers



## Open strings

Open strings are the strings played only with the right-hand fingers, without using the left hand on the fingerboard.

The sign for **Open String** is the number: 0

The **Left-Hand** fingers are numbers: 1 2 3 4

The **Right-Hand** fingers are named: T, i and m

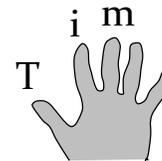
An other way to play the Ukulele is using a **Pick**, holding it between the thumb and index finger of the **right-hand**, which some students may find easier

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Left-Hand



Right-Hand



Pick or Plectrum





# Strumming Open Strings

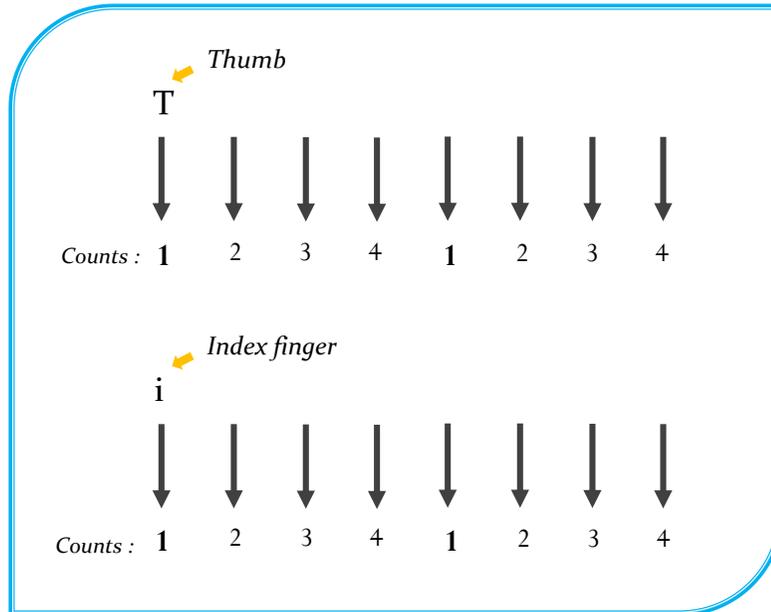
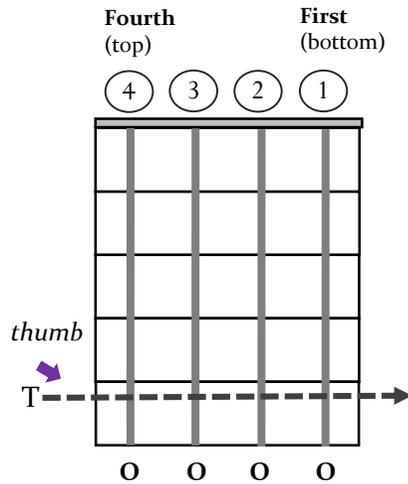


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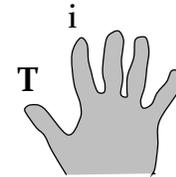
Strum from the string (4) down ↓ to the string (1) with your right hand Thumb (T).

You can repeat the strumming with the finger index (i), moving the finger downward with the nail side. Alternatively, the student could use a Pick for the strumming, if it is more comfortable.

( Strum the strings in a regular pulse. )



Right-Hand



Pick or Plectrum





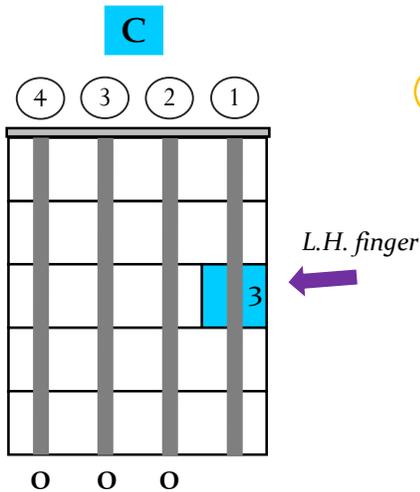
# My First Chord



Audio 2, 3

## The **C** Chord

Press the first string with your finger **3** of the left-hand on the **Blue** fret.  
Strum from the fourth to the first string with the thumb: **(T)** (*right-hand*)  
*Alternatively strumming with index (i) or a Pick.*



( Strum the strings in a regular pulse.)

Four beats in a bar

**T T T**

4

rest rest rest rest

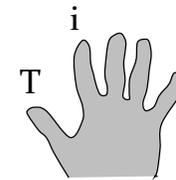
Counts : 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4

**i i i i**

4

Counts : 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4

Right-Hand



Left-Hand





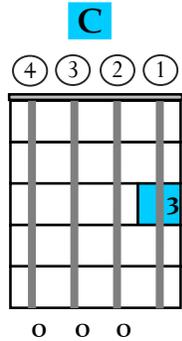
# “Row your boat”



Audio 4



Singing and Strumming



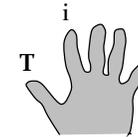
Left-Hand



Sing the song and strum the strings with the **C** chord to a regular pulse. Strum the strings with the thumb or index finger of your Right-Hand (T or i) from the top string ④ DOWN ↓ to the bottom string ①.

(Alternatively strumming with a Pick.)

Right-Hand



Pick



Play the C chord all the way through

## “Row, Row, Row your boat”

*Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream, Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily life is but a dream*

**C**

T T

2

Row row

row your boat

gently down the stream,

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily

life is but a dream

Two beats in a bar



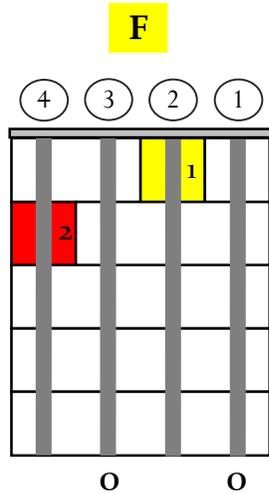
# My Second Chord



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## The **F** Chord

Press the fourth string with your finger 2 on the **Red** fret. Press the second string with the finger 1 on the **Yellow** fret.



Left-Hand



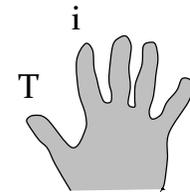
Strum from the top string to the bottom string with your thumb (T).  
*Alternatively strumming with index (i) or a Pick.*

( Strum the strings in a regular pulse.)

Counts : 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4

Counts : 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4

Right-Hand



Pick



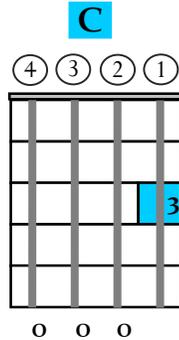
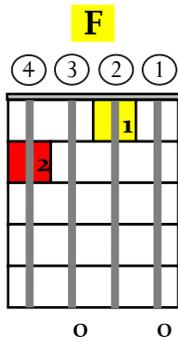


# “Mary had a little lamb”



Audio 7

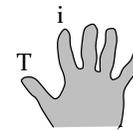
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Left-Hand



Right-Hand



Repeat with the second lyrics

## Strumming the chords

(Lyrics): 1- Mary had a little lamb, little lamb little lamb, Mary had a little lamb its fleece was white as snow .  
 2- Everywhere that Mary went, Mary went, Mary went, everywhere that Mary went the lamb was sure to go.

**4**

1- Maaaa ryhad a li ttle lamb li ttle lamb li ttle lamb Maaaa ryhad a li ttle lamb its fleece was white as snoowww

2- Eeeee verywhere that Ma ry went Ma ry went Ma ry went eeeee verywhere that Ma ry went the lamb was sure to gooooo



# My third Chord



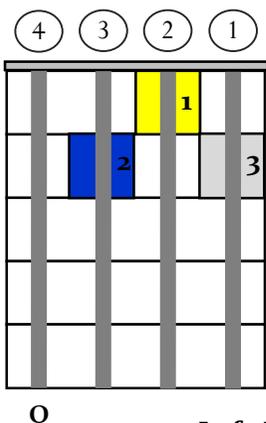
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## The **G7** Chord

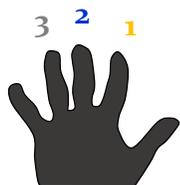
Press the third string on the Blue fret with your finger 2. Press the second string with your finger 1 on the Yellow fret. Press the first string with your finger 3 on the Grey fret.

**G7**

Strum the strings from the top to the bottom sting with your thumb (T) or index (i) Right-Hand. Alternatively strumming with a Pick.

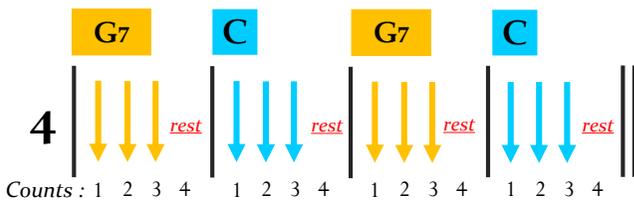
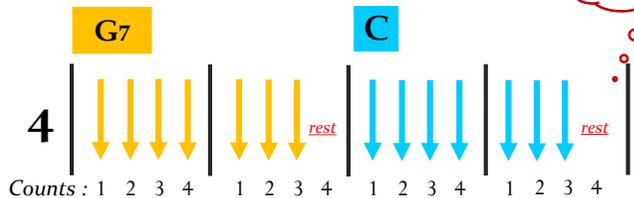


Left-Hand

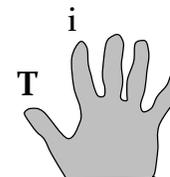


( Strum the strings in a regular pulse.)

(Move finger 3 between the Grey and the Blue frets on the first string.)



Right-Hand



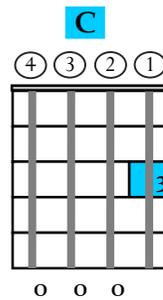
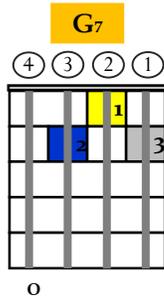
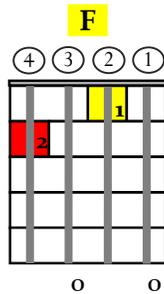




# Yankee Doodle



Audio 11



Left-Hand



Play and sing in a stable pulse, look at the bars were the chords change and synchronize with the lyrics.

## Practicing my three chords

(Lyrics): Yankee Doodle came to town upon a little pony, he stuck a feather in his hat, and called it macaroni.

(Hold finger 1 on the yellow fret)

**C** **G7** **C** **G7** **C** **F** **G7** **C**

4 | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ | ↓ ↓ ↓ rest | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ | ↓ ↓ ↓ rest | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ | ↓ ↓ ↓ rest | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ | ↓ ↓ ↓ rest ||

Yan kee Doo dle | came to town u | pon a lit tle | pooooo | ny, he | stuck a fea ther | in his hat, and | called it ma ca | roooo | ni

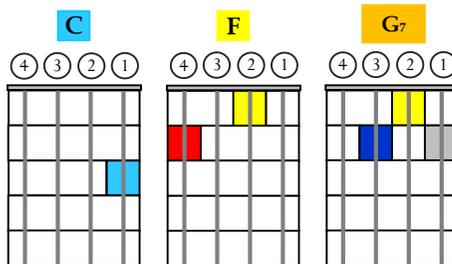
Based on the original lyric, other versions can be singed.



# Hickory Dickory Dock



Audio 12



Left-Hand



Strum the chords in time with the song

## Changing chords quickly

(Lyrics): Hickory dickory dock, the Mouse ran up the clock, the clock struck one, the mouse ran down, Hickory dickory dock.

2

<b>C</b>	<b>G7</b>	<b>C</b>		<b>G7</b>	<b>C</b>			<b>F</b>		<b>G7</b>	<b>C</b>	
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Hickory	dickory	dock		The Mouse	ran up	the clock	the clock	struck one		the mouse	ran down	Hickory
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									1 2			
										1 2		



Tap with your hand on the Ukulele body.

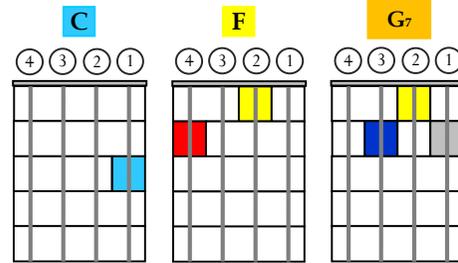


# Baa baa black sheep



Audio 13

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My Sixth Song

Left-Hand



Play and sing in a stable pulse, look at the bars were the chords change and synchronize with the lyrics.

## Getting ready for a new chord

(Lyrics): Baa baa black sheep, have you any wool, yes sir, yes sir, three bags full, one for my master and one for my dame, one for the little boy who lives down the lane.

(Move finger 3 quick on the first string)

2

<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>G7</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>G7</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>G7</b>	<b>C</b>
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Baa baa	black sheep	have you any wool	yes sir	yes sir	three bags full	one for my	mas ter	one for my	dame	one for the	little boy who	lives	down the	lane

Sing the song twice.



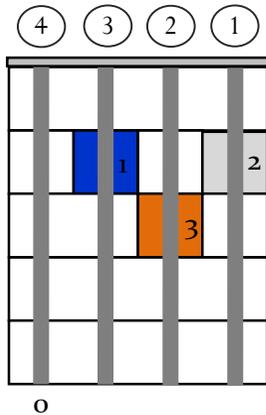
# My fourth Chord

## The **G** Chord



Audio 14, 15

**G**



Left-Hand



Press the third string on the **Blue** fret with your finger **1**. Press the second string with finger **3** on the **Orange** fret, use your finger **2** for the first string on the **Grey** fret.

Strum the strings from the top string to the bottom with your thumb (T) or index (i). Alternatively strumming with a Pick.

( Strum the strings in a regular pulse.)

4 | **G** | **C** | Repeat

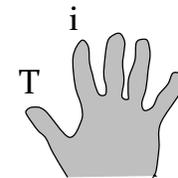
Counts : 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4

(Move the fingers quickly to the next chord.)

4 | **G** | **C** | **G** | **C**

Counts : 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4

Right-Hand



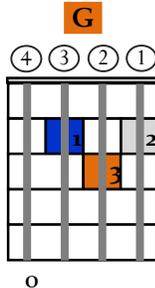
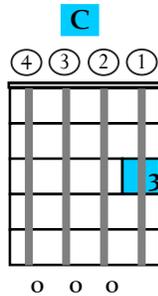


# Are you sleeping?



Audio 16, 17

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Guide finger

Left-Hand



My Seventh song

Move finger 3 quickly by changing the chords from C first string to G second string.

## Accompaniment only, two versions

(Lyrics): Are you sleeping? Are you sleeping? Brother John, Brother John, Morning bells are ringing! Morning bells are ringing!  
Ding, dang, dong. Ding, dang, dong.

**C**

4 | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ rest | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ rest | **G C G C G C G C** | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ rest | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ rest ||

Are you slee ping are you slee ping bro ther John bro ther John morningbellsareringing morningbellsareringing ding dand dong ding dang dong

Alternatively a simplified version can be used.

**G C G C G C G C**

↓ rest ↓ rest ↓ rest ↓ rest | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ rest | ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ rest ||

Counts: 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4 | 1 2 3 4



# Twinkle Twinkle

## My Eight song



Audio 18

<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G<sub>7</sub></b>	<b>G</b>
(+)(3)(2)(1)	(+)(3)(2)(1)	(+)(3)(2)(1)	(+)(3)(2)(1)

(Lyrics):  
*Twinkle, Twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are,  
 up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky,  
 Twinkle, Twinkle, little star, how I wonder what you are*

## Strumming the chords

<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>G<sub>7</sub></b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>G</b>																			
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	Twin	kle	Twin	kle	lit	tle	Staar	rest	How	I	won	der	what	you	aaare	rest	up	a	bove	the	world	so	hiiiiigh	rest	Like	a	dia	mond	in	the	skyyyy	rest

<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>G<sub>7</sub></b>	<b>C</b>								
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	rest					
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## **SECOND PART**

*Congratulation!*

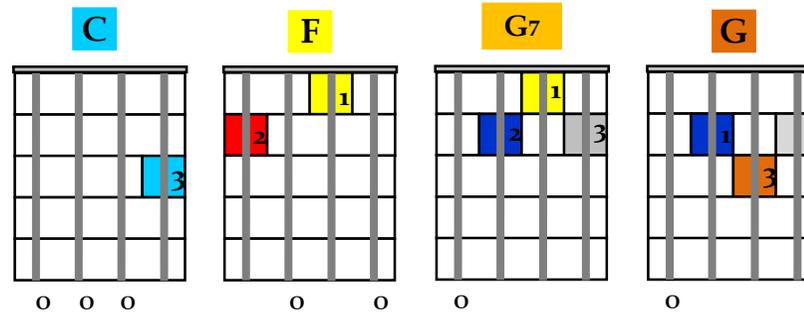
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*You can play the Ukulele!*

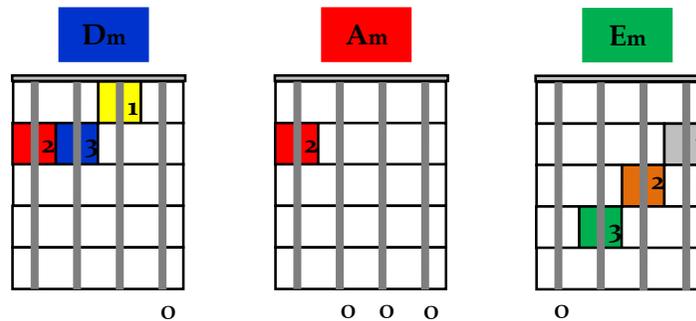
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# Chords for beginners

## Basic Chords

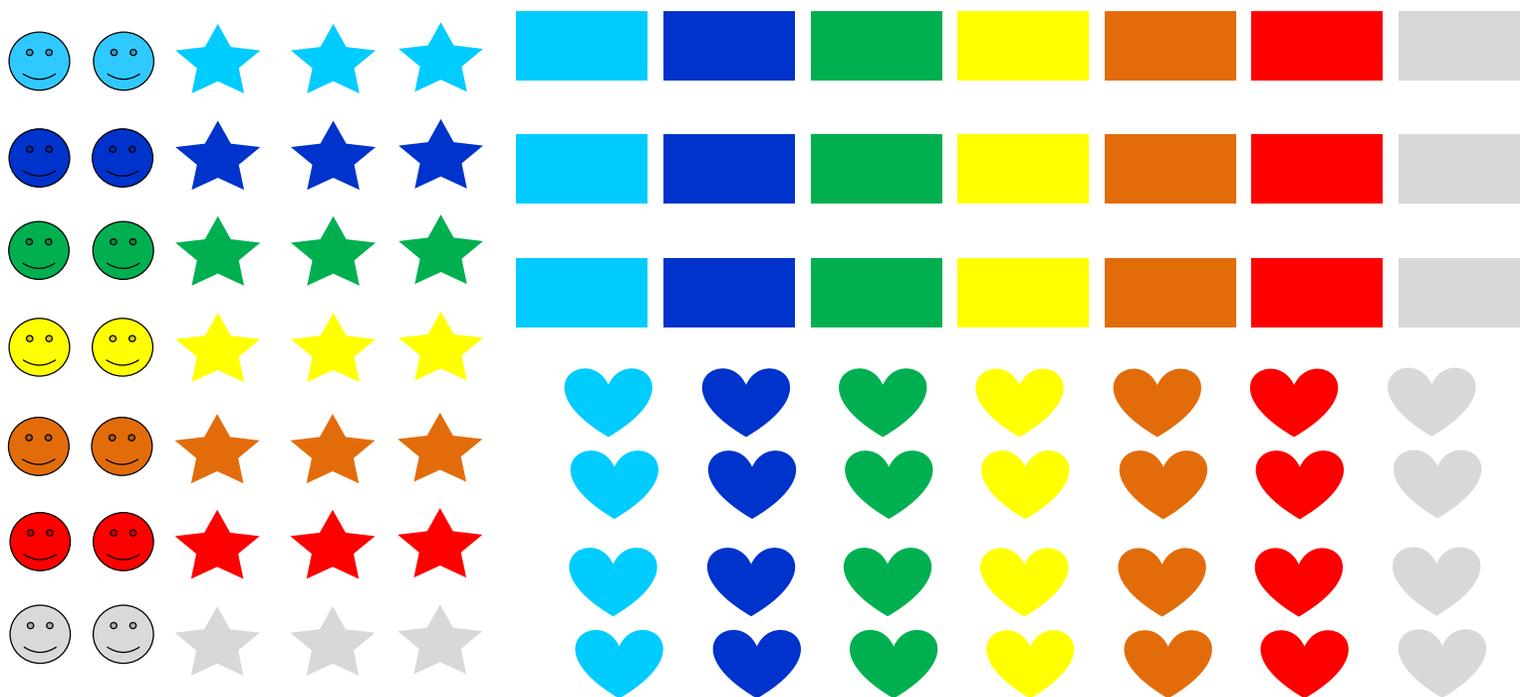


## Other Chords



Choose your favorite stickers and paste them on the Ukulele fingerboard.

(See example, Picture page 5).



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