

Begin with easy Ukulele

COLORFUL UKULELE

A colorful illustration of two young girls playing ukuleles. The girl on top has brown hair and is wearing a light blue shirt. The girl on the bottom has brown hair and is wearing a pink shirt. A red ukulele is positioned between them, with the word 'UKULELE' written in large, colorful, bubbly letters across it.

A BOOK FOR KIDS



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Introduction

The Colorful Ukulele is a simple and straightforward teaching method for young children.

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

Once the first five chords are learned, the student will learn how to play ten very well-known children's songs.

The second part of this book is dedicated to learning the music notes - playing melodies combining single notes and chords.

The instrument used with this method and book needs to be adapted, adding the color patterns on the fretboard (with full diagram and examples within to create your own!)

This book includes 35 audio tracks that accompany the lessons. They feature full demonstrations of the exercises and songs the student will learn. The stickers sheet with the color pattern for the Ukulele fretboard is included with the book. (***Follow the instructions***)

Videos examples, available at our website: www.arcoirisdela musica.com

I thank you for getting this book for your child and hope you enjoy following this simple music method. It is tailored from my own teaching experience with both my students and my children.

Armando Lopez Moreno

Adapting the Ukulele

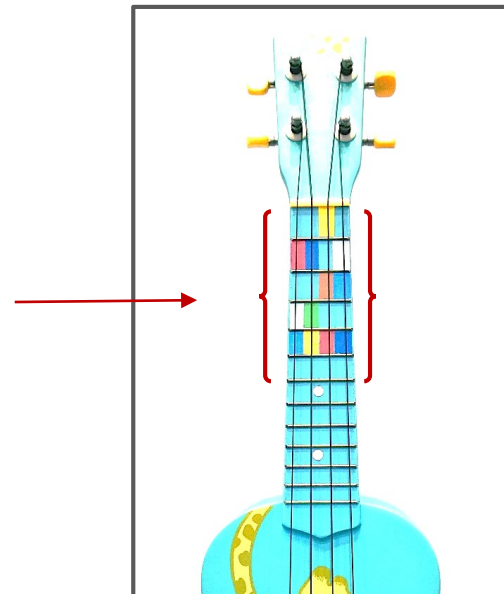
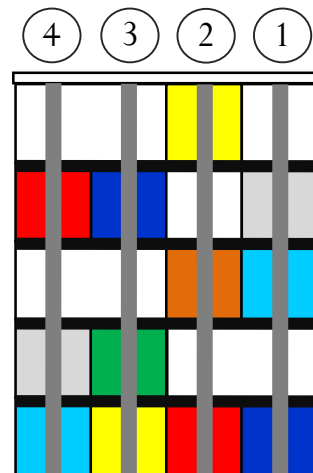
In our Ukulele Method, is very important to adapt the instrument with the appropriate colors for every fret on the fretboard.

Here is the fretboard 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 fretboard, as showing in this picture.

Watch our video example at: www.arcoirisdela musica.com

Fretboard Diagram



Strings and Tuning

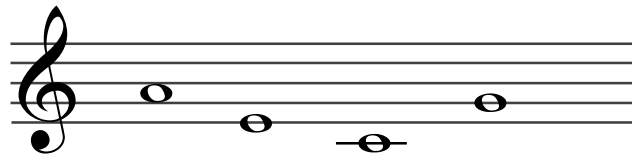
Ukulele Strings:

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

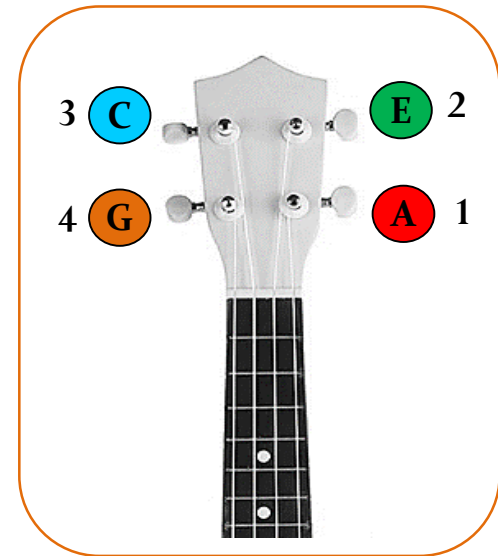
Standard Tuning

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

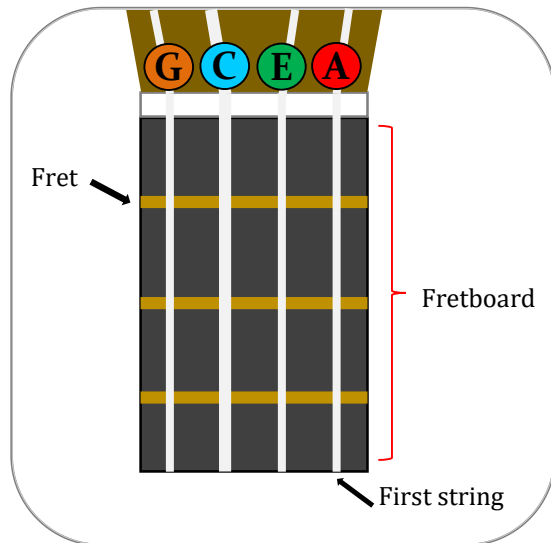
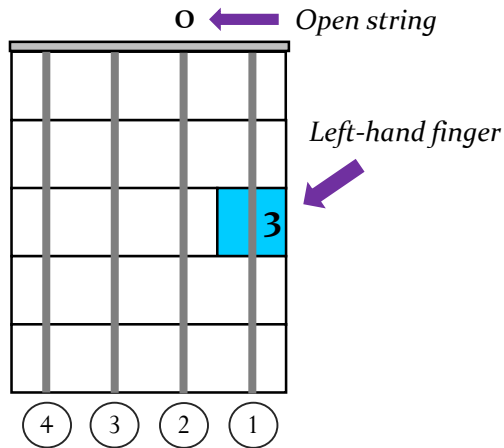
Pitches: **A** **E** **C** **G**



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 fretboard.

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

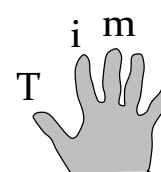
An other way to play the Ukulele is using a **Pick**, holding it between the thumb and index finger of the **right-hand**, which some students may find easier

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Left-Hand



Right-Hand



Pick or Plectrum





Strumming Open Strings

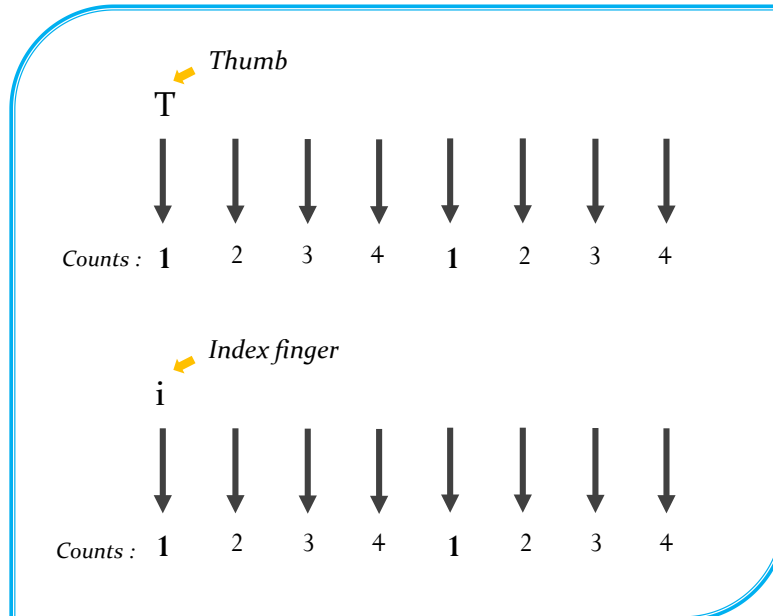
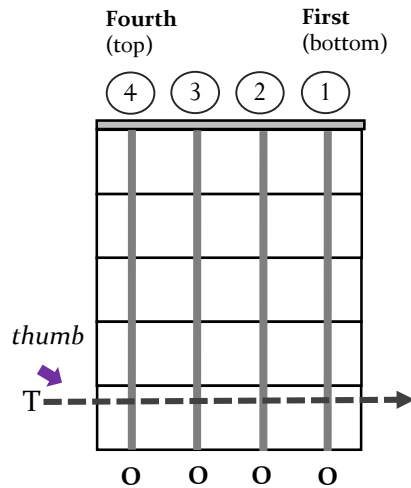


Audio 1

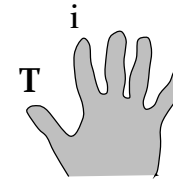
Strum from the string (4) down ↓ to the string (1) with your right-hand Thumb (T).

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

