



Ukulele!

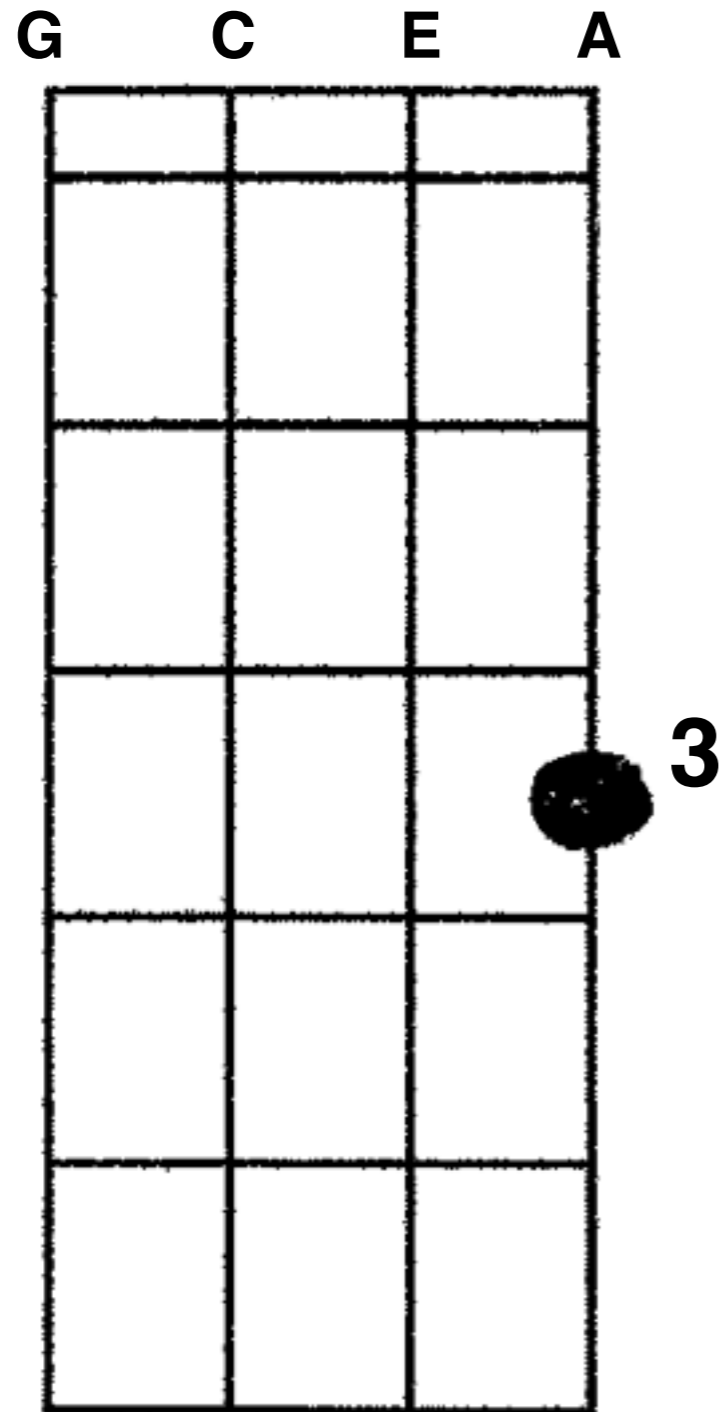
Beginner Book One

Making Chords

On the following pages, we're going to learn how to make some chords. When we do this, it's really important that we keep our thumb in the right place. This is because it's going to make it easier for us to stretch our fingers round and make really good, clear sounding chords!

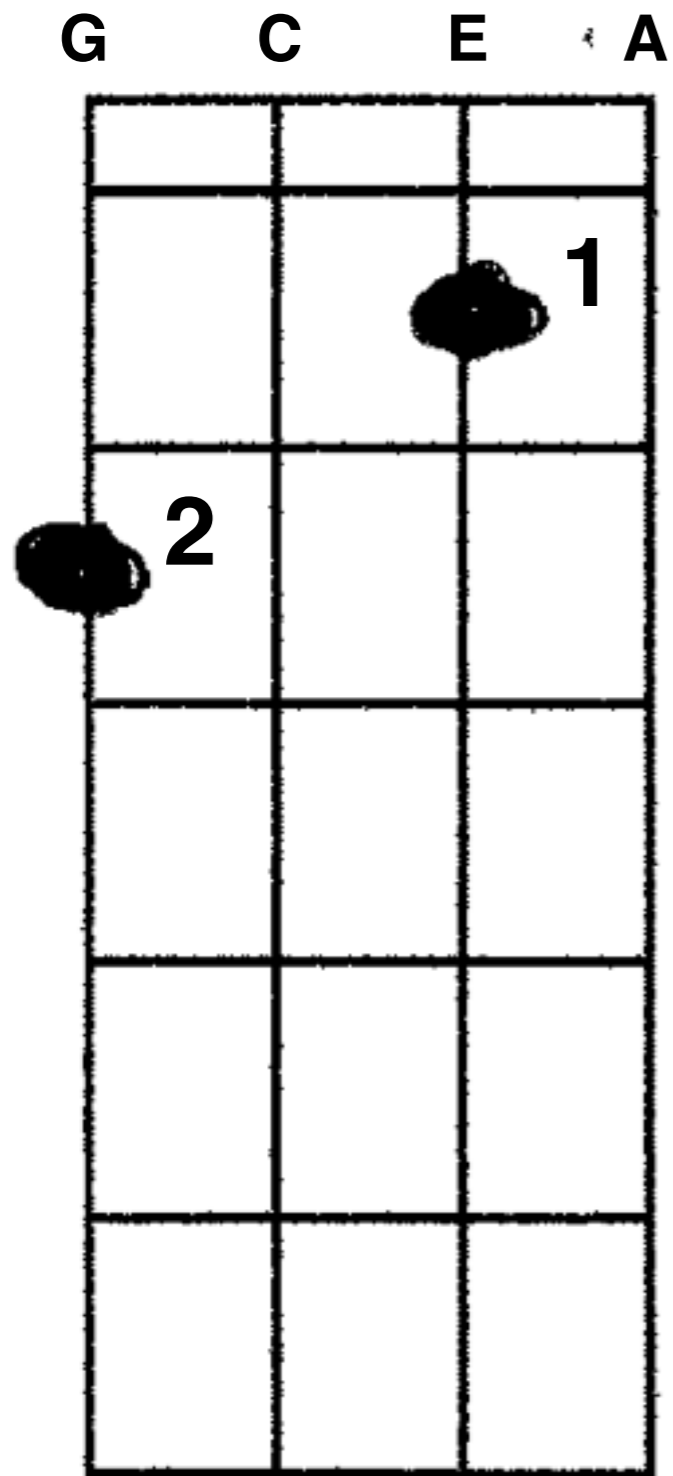


The 'C' Chord



Make sure you use your third finger (one along from your pinky!) like me. It's really important that we use the right fingers

The 'F' Chord



If using two fingers is a bit tricky, start off with one, like this:



Strumming

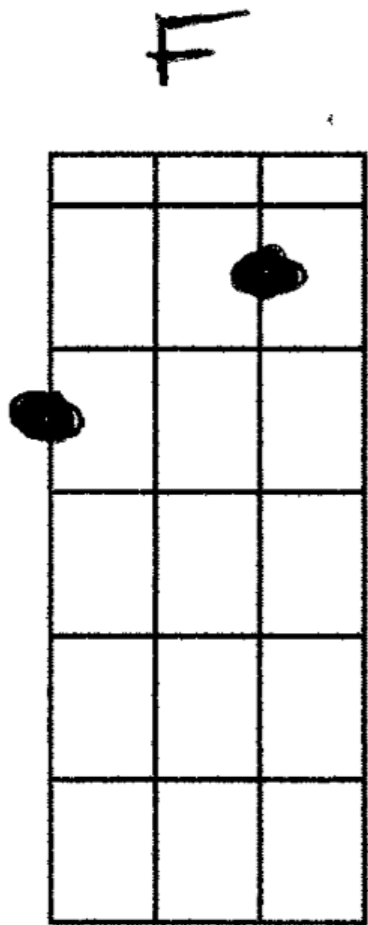
Now we're going to learn to strum these chords. To strum, take your fingers and push through all of the strings in a downwards motion!



If you're finding that it hurts your fingers, use the fleshy bit of your thumb instead. If you have a plectrum - you can use that too!

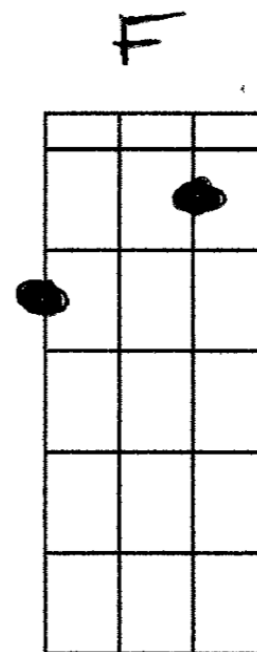
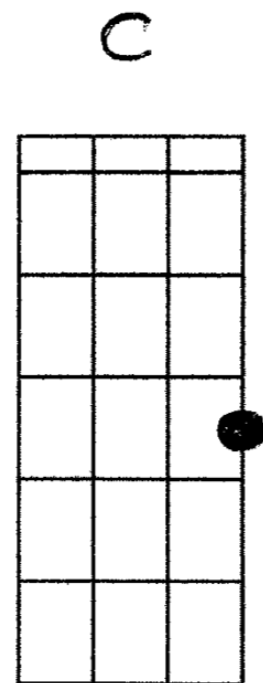
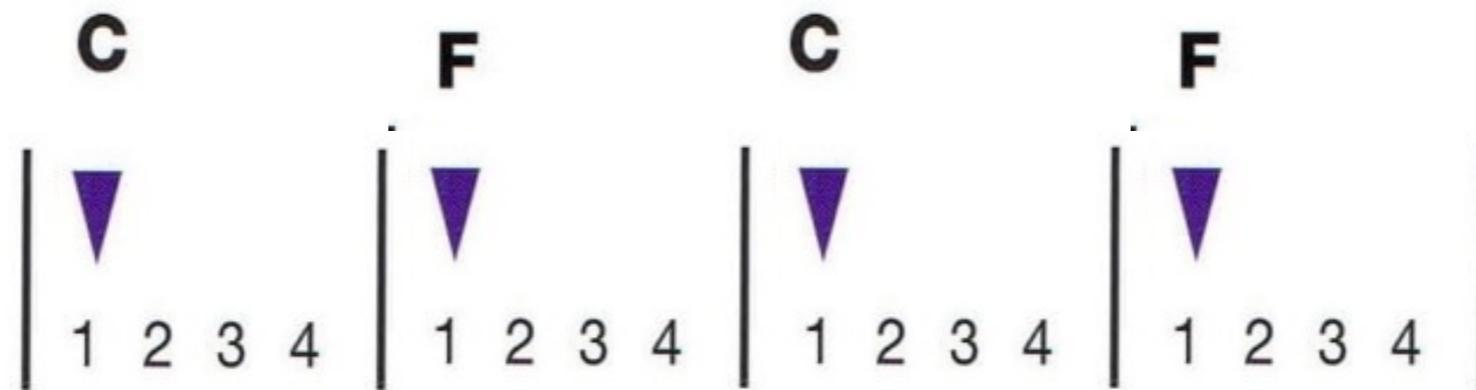
Strumming 'F'

Now try the same with the F chord. Keep counting!



Strumming 'C' and 'F'

Now try this exercise - switching between C and F whilst strumming!



Listening

He's called Bob Marley! He was really important in the creation of a style of music called reggae.



Reggae

Reggae comes from a country in the Caribbean called Jamaica.

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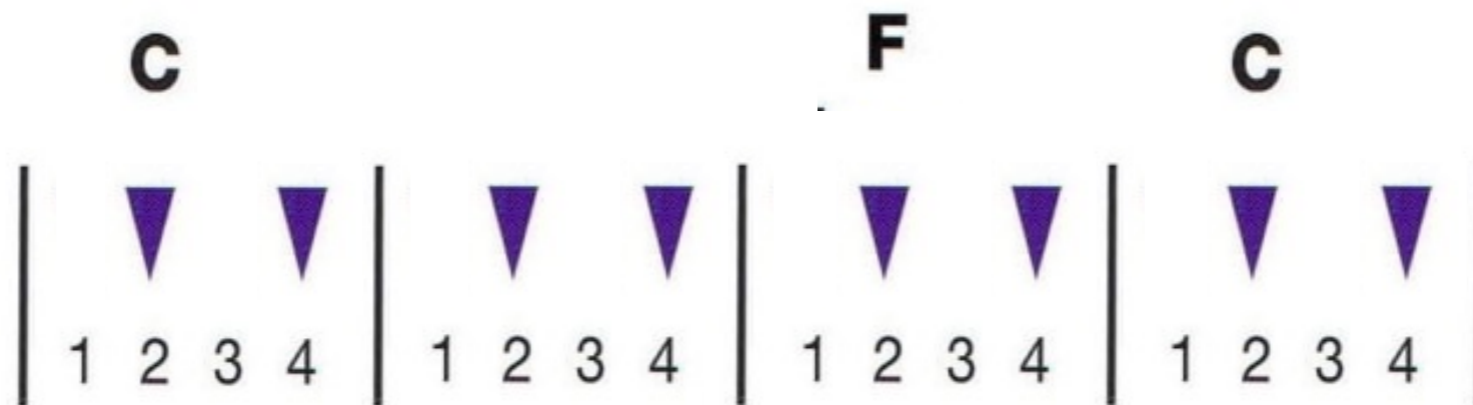
If you can get onto Spotify or Youtube, have a listen to one of Bob Marley's songs called 'Three Little Birds'.

Ask yourself:

- 1) Can you hear any instruments that you recognise?
- 2) How does the music make you feel?
- 3) Why does it make you feel like that?
- 4) What message are the words giving us?
- 5) What's the weather like in Jamaica? Find out! Can you hear this in the music do you think?

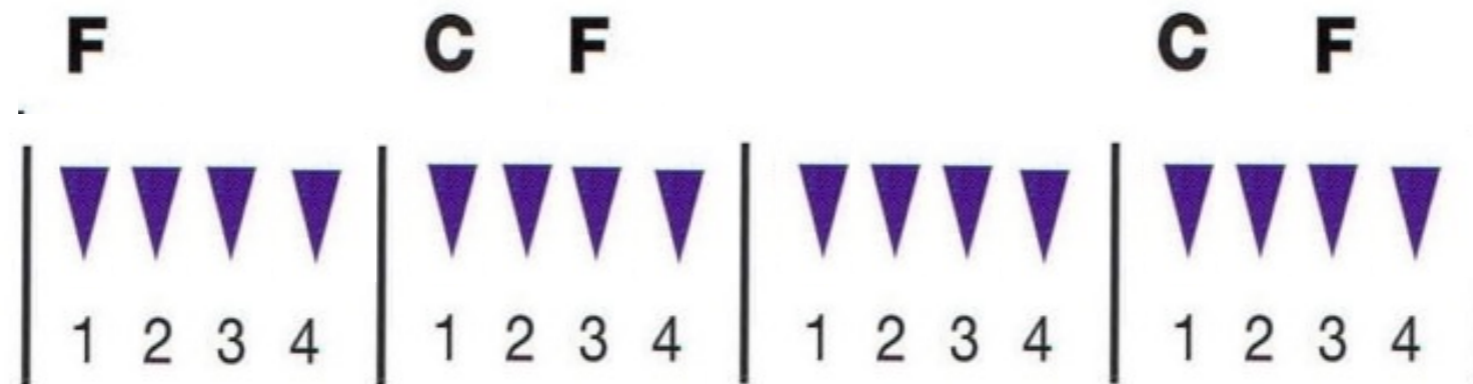
'Three Little Birds'

Here's a strumming pattern for 'Three Little Birds'. Can you see it's using our 'backbeat' pattern? This rhythm is really important in reggae music.



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

More Songs with 'C' and 'F'

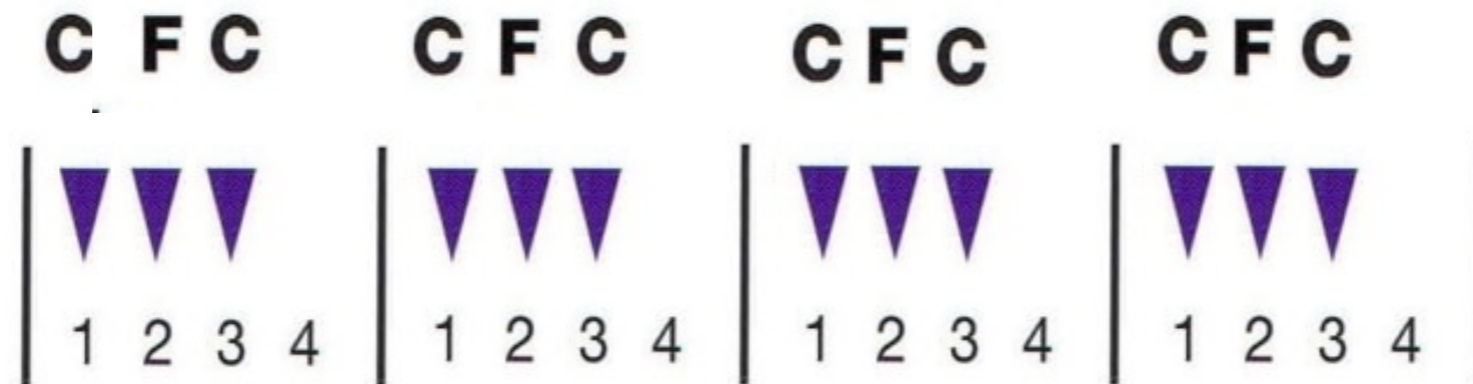


London Bridge is falling down, falling down, falling down
London Bridge is falling down, my fair lady

Take the key and lock her up, lock her up, lock her up
Take the key and lock her up, my fair lady

Build it up with silver and gold, silver and gold, silver and gold
Build it up with silver and gold, my fair lady

More Songs with 'C' and 'F'



Three Blind Mice, Three Blind Mice
See How They Run, See How They Run
They all ran off with the farmer's wife
Who cut off their tales with a carving knife
Have you seen such a sight in all your life
As three blind mice?