

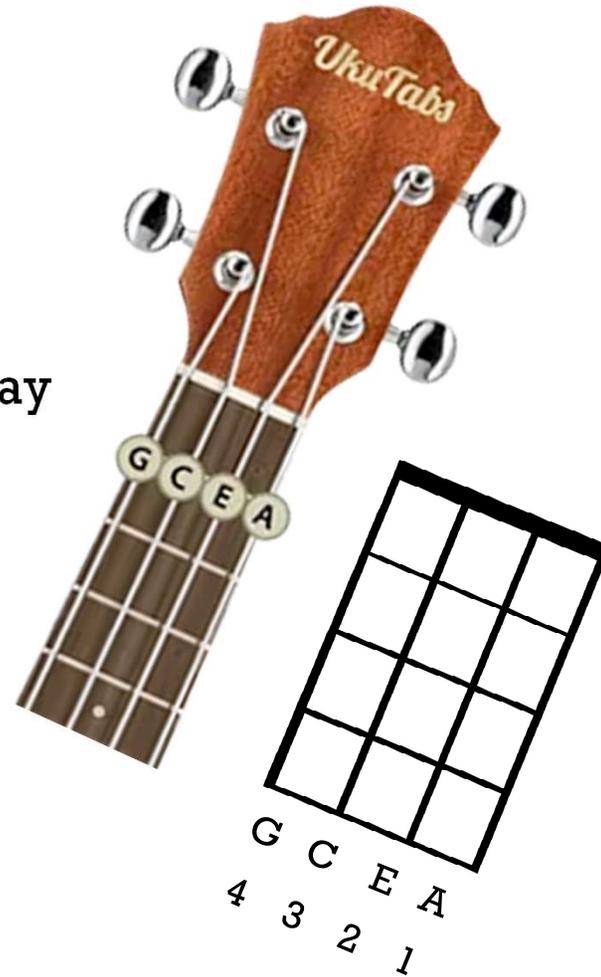
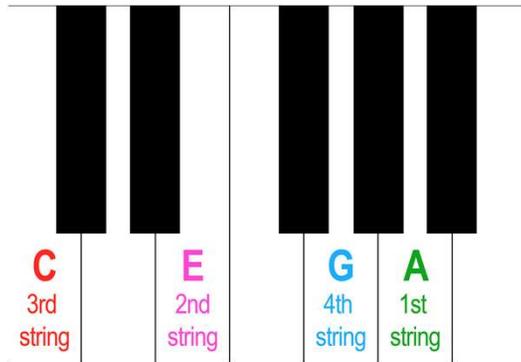
BEGINNING UKULELE

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TUNE YOUR UKE

- G – C – E – A
- George Clooney Eats Apples
- Tune your ukulele every time you play



PLANT/WALK YOUR FINGERS

- The tempo of your playing depends on the song and on how fast you can change chords
- Tricks to changing chords rapidly include
 - Keeping your fingers close to the fretboard
 - Anticipating the next chord
 - Walking your fingers
 - Planting one finger
 - Position your other fingers for the new chord
 - *Then* moving your planted finger (if needed)

STRUM YOUR UKULELE: 1

- Relax!
- Strum close to ukulele's neck & body junction
- Strum from your wrist not your elbow
 - Less tiring
 - No need to strum beyond the strings
 - Keep it loose
 - Practice
- Down = index fingernail or pad of thumb or pic
- Up = pad of finger or nail of thumb or pic



STRUM YOUR UKULELE: 2

- Most songs are in 4/4 time (4 or 8 counts)
- d means down
- D means down but more strongly
- D u d u = **Down** up down up
- D – d – = **Down** *pause* down *pause*



STRUM YOUR UKULELE: 3

- Some common strum patterns:
 - d d d d = down down down down
 - u u u u = up up up up
 - d u d u = down up down up
 - D u d u = **Down** up down up
 - D – d – = **Down** *pause* down *pause*
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- What sound do *you* want to create?





PLAYING MUSIC IS MORE THAN JUST MEMORIZING CHORDS

That's difficult. And takes a long time. - Stephen Venters



QUESTIONS?

