

Chords That Ukulele Players Really Want to Know: A Comprehensive Guide



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The ukulele is a versatile instrument that can be used to play a wide variety of music, from traditional Hawaiian songs to modern pop hits. One of the most important aspects of ukulele playing is learning how to play chords. In this guide, we will cover all the essential ukulele chords that players want to know, from beginner to advanced.

Beginner Chords

The following chords are a great place to start for beginner ukulele players. They are relatively easy to learn and can be used to play a wide variety of songs.

- **C Major**
- **Am Minor**

- **F Major**
- **G Major**
- **Dm Minor**

Fingerings and Voicings

The fingerings and voicings for the beginner chords are shown in the following table.

Chord	Fingerings	Voicings
C Major	0003	C-E-G
Am Minor	0022	A-C-E
F Major	1332	F-A-C
G Major	3200	G-B-D
Dm Minor	0012	D-F-A

Strumming Patterns

Once you have learned the fingerings and voicings for the beginner chords, you can start practicing strumming patterns. The following are a few basic strumming patterns that you can use to play a variety of songs.

- **Down-Up-Down-Up**
- **Down-Down-Up**
- **Down-Up-Down-Down-Up**

Intermediate Chords

Once you have mastered the beginner chords, you can start learning some intermediate chords. These chords are a little more challenging to learn, but they will open up a wider variety of songs that you can play.

- **C7 Major 7th**
- **Am7 Minor 7th**
- **Fmaj7 Major 7th**
- **G7 Dominant 7th**
- **Dm7 Minor 7th**

Fingerings and Voicings

The fingerings and voicings for the intermediate chords are shown in the following table.

Chord	Fingerings	Voicings
C7 Major 7th	00031	C-E-G-B
Am7 Minor 7th	00221	A-C-E-G
Fmaj7 Major 7th	13321	F-A-C-E
G7 Dominant 7th	32001	G-B-D-F
Dm7 Minor 7th	00121	D-F-A-C

Strumming Patterns

The strumming patterns that you can use with the intermediate chords are the same as the strumming patterns that you can use with the beginner chords. However, you may want to experiment with different strumming patterns to find ones that sound good with the songs that you are playing.

Advanced Chords

Once you have mastered the intermediate chords, you can start learning some advanced chords. These chords are more challenging to learn, but they will give you the ability to play more complex songs.

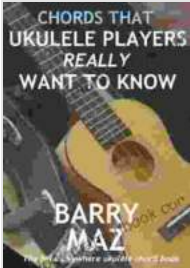
- **C6 Major 6th**
- **Am6 Minor 6th**
- **Fmaj6 Major 6th**
- **Gmaj6 Major 6th**
- **Dm6 Minor 6th**

Fingerings and Voicings

The fingerings and voicings for the advanced chords are shown in the following table.

Chord	Fingerings	Voicings
C6 Major 6th	00032	C-E-G-A
Am6 Minor 6th	00222	A-C-E-F
Fmaj6 Major 6th	13322	F-A-C-D

Chord	Fingerings	Voicings
Gmaj6 Major 6th	32002	G-B-D-E



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