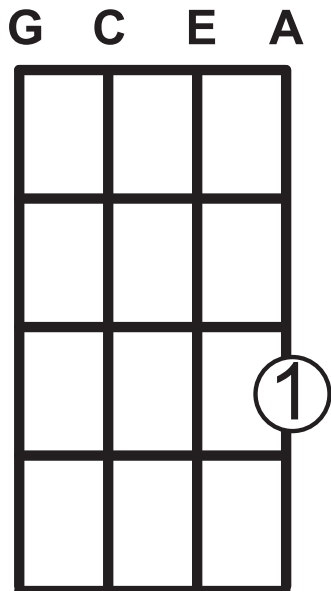
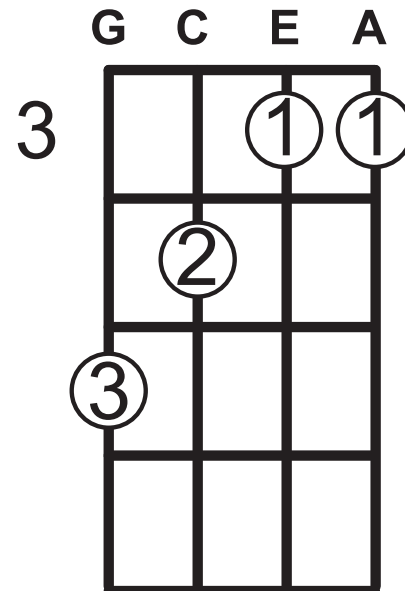


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One of the great things about playing ukulele is that you can get common chords pretty quickly. Here are two ways to play a C Major chord- a very useful chord to know!

The "Major" part of the chord's name tells us how it is spelled. A major triad (3 notes) uses the 1st, 3rd and 5th degree of a scale.

The C Major scale is:

C D E F G A B and C (do re mi fa so la ti do) and the scale degrees correspond to each letter- C is 1, D is 2, E is 3 and so on. So to make a C Major triad we need the 1,3 and 5 or C, E and G.

The ukulele is happy to accommodate that! In the left-hand chord picture, we are getting our notes from the open strings! the 3rd fret of the A string is a C too, so we can play all the notes we need and the 1st degree twice. Pretty cool.

On the right-hand picture, the 5th fret of the G string gives us our C. The 4th fret of the C string gives us our E. The 3rd fret of the E string produces a G and the 3rd fret of the A string is C again!