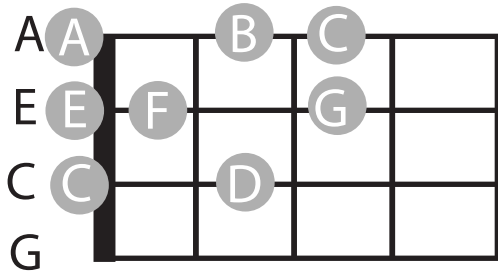


Build a major chord from the 1st string of the Ukulele!

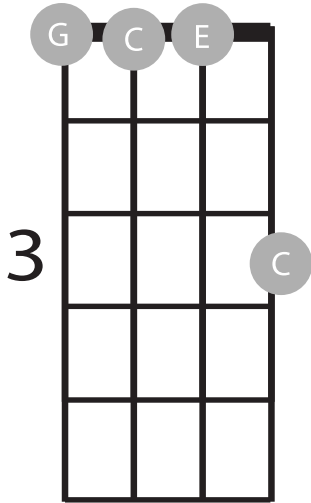
The whole point of chord shapes on the uke neck is that they help us to play certain combination of notes quickly and comfortably.



We know the C scale has no flats or sharps and also that we can play Major chords (triads) with the 1, 3 and 5 scale notes. We can figure that combination out from any note on the 4th string! For instance a C Major is made of a C, and E and a G (1,3 and 5):

C D E F G A B C

G C E A

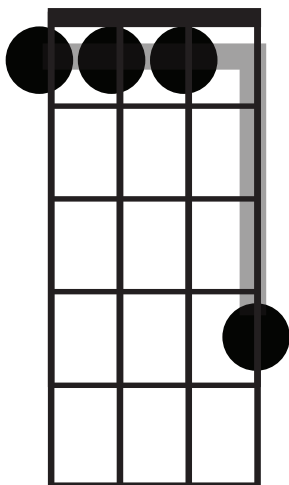


We can get the C note from the open C string and from the 3rd fret of the A string so that gives us our 1 note in two places. the 3rd degree of C is E, and we can get that from the open E string. The fifth degree of C is G and we can get that from the open G string!

So this shape: the four, three and two strings on one fret and the 1 string two frets towards the body, gives us a major chord who's name is the same as the note we are holding on the 1 string!

4 3 2 1

ANY Major chord named this note



In this case, find the root note (the name of the note) on the 1 string. Usually you can use your 3rd finger for that. For the remaining notes in the major chord, you can use your first finger, laid flat across all three strings. Practice this and get comfortable with it, and it will be a useful addition to your guitar playing toolbox!