

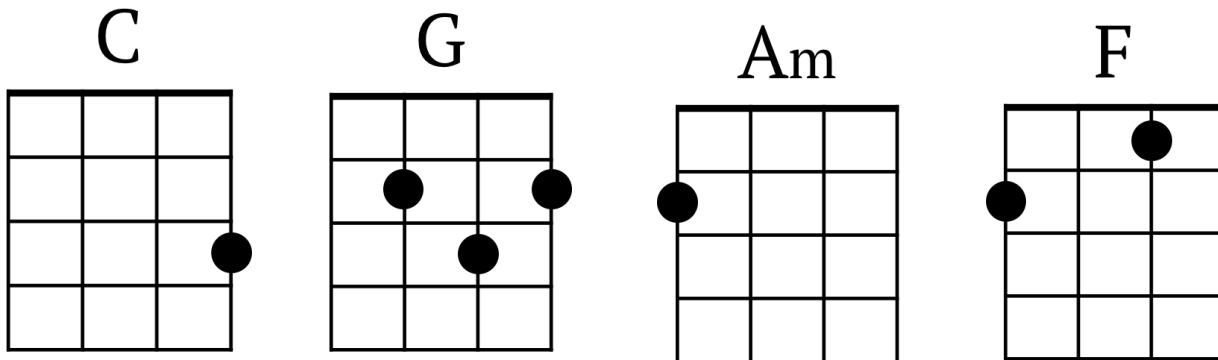
# [Upbeat Ukulele Troupe]

## 12 chords that will get you singing!

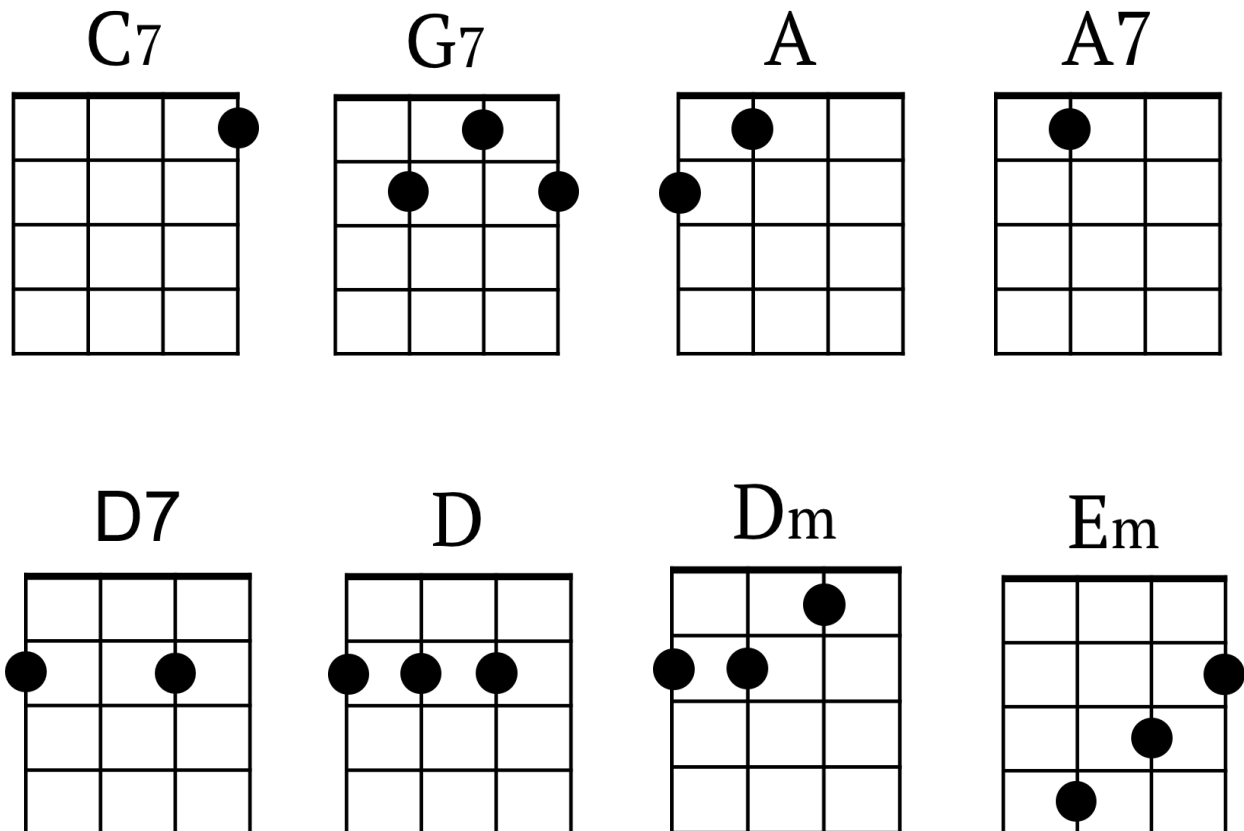
When holding your uke, read chords like this: left is "nose", right is "toes."



You can play a lot of songs with just these first "4 Magic Chords" (most Pop & Rock)!



Add a few more that show up in most of our songs: LOTS more chords exist, but these will get you rolling.



## Ukulele strumming patterns

a guideline, then just go with the rhythm you feel.

- A good start is down, down, down – or down up, down up. Watch some YouTube videos for fun, they get fancy!
- Tap or clap them out first to hear the sound as you say the words out loud “down down up, up down up”.
- (Down arrow= down stroke. Up arrow = up stroke. The & signifies a half beat)

Simple Down Strum					
1	&	2	&	3	&
↓		↓		↓	

Island Strum					
1	&	2	&	3	&
↓		↓	↑	↑	↓

"Waltz" Strum					
1	&	2	&	3	&
↓		↓	↑	↓	

Swing strum					
1	&	2	&	3	&
↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑↓	↑	