



Teaching Videos

Search for teachers you like. Learn the basics like how to form chords, strum, hold the uke sitting or standing, reading chord diagrams, learning tab and so much more. **SEARCH FOR: Ukulele lessons for beginners**



Practice Videos

Practicing with a video may help you practice longer. Find skill videos like finger exercises, forming chords, strumming patterns. **SEARCH FOR: Ukulele finger exercises**



Song Tutorials

Songs help you learn and remember chords and strums. Find songs you like and are fun to play. Look for arrangements that are on your skill level. **SEARCH FOR: Ukulele beginner song tutorials**



Playing Partner

It is more fun to play along with a video. You can find groups playing together or song tutorial demos you can play along with. **SEARCH FOR: Ukulele group jams**



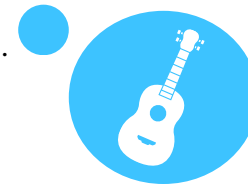
For Inspiration

Watching professional ukulele musicians can help you envision what can be done with a lot of practice! Find and follow your favorite players to inspire your practice. **SEARCH FOR: Hi Studio or Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain or Ukulele Musicians**

Learning
with
YouTube

Start Here...

- **Learn all about your uke.** The parts, how to hold it sitting or standing, the names of the strings, and how to tune it.
 - Search for a beginner tutorial video that will walk you through all the basics.
- **Learn about chords.** How to form them, read a chord diagram, learn the names of the strings (and their numbers) as well as the names and numbers assigned to your fingers.
 - Search for a simple song tutorial to help you learn the first chords.
- **Learn a few strum patterns.** Keep it simple like a Down Up Down Up.
 - Search for a tutorial for “Backbeat Strum”, “Island Strum”, and “Rock Strum”.



Move On...

- **Find a YouTube teacher you like**- There are lots of different personalities.
 - Look for teachers who design lessons for beginners.
- **PRACTICE** Every single day- even if it is only for 5 minutes, picking up the uke and strumming a few chords will help reinforce your skills.
 - If you can build up to 30 minutes a day, you'll see a huge improvement quickly.
- **Strum along** to the radio, Spotify, or a CD. You don't have to know the chords, just mute the strings with your left hand and strum along to improve your tempo skills.
 - Listen for the “beat” and try to strum with the band.
- **Invest in a good lesson book** - a lesson book will help you identify what to learn first, second, etc.
 - Search for similar lesson topics on YouTube .



A Few Tips...

- **Watch ukulele performers** on YouTube - it is inspiring and so cool to hear people play really well, knowing they started out just like you!
- **Finger dexterity exercises** - stretches, scale practice, fretboard pattern practice to get your fingers moving faster and stronger.
- **Chord progressions** - the shortcut to learning and following songs.
 - Search *Axis of Awesome* for a funny look at how chord progressions are the basis for thousands of songs.
- **Embellishments** - these take some practice but add a lot of “pop” to your playing. Hammer-ons, pull-offs, slides, vibrato, and even bends.
- **Learn about mobile chords.** They will expand what you can play and add variety to all your songs..