

Introduction to Finger Picking

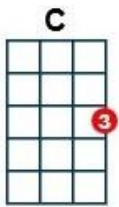
If you're looking to elevate your ukulele playing to the next level, it's time to give finger picking a try. While strumming is definitely a staple technique for the ukulele, finger picking allows you to add a new dimension of depth and complexity to your playing. By using your fingers to pluck individual strings, you can create a more intricate melody and syncopated rhythm that really brings your songs to life. It might take a bit of practice to get the finger placement just right, but stick with it and you'll soon find yourself creating beautiful music that you never thought was possible before.

String Numbering

The standard numbering system for ukulele strings is GCEA, with the G string (near your head) as string number 4 and the A string as string number 1 (near your waist).

C Chord

To Play the C chord, use your ring finger to push the highest string on the third fret.



Finger Picking Patterns

4 3 2 1

3 4 3 4
2 2
1 1

3 4 2 1

Itsy Bitsy Spider

Play the C chord with the finger picking patterns above

[C]

The itsy-bitsy spider

Climbed up the water spout

Down came the rain

And washed the spider out

Out came the sun

And dried up all the rain

And the itsy-bitsy spider

Climbed up the spout again