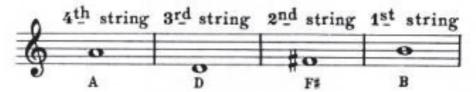


How to tune the Ukulele.



The open strings can be tuned to the piano by following the above diagram. Another method is to tune the D string to middle D on the piano, then, stopping the D string at the 4th fret, tune the F# string in unison; next, stop the F# string at the 3rd fret and tune the A string in unison; following the same system, stop the F# string at the 5th fret and tune the B string in unison.

The string must be stopped right behind the frets not on them.

How to string the Ukulele.

For the First String use Banjo 3rd string For the Second String use Violin E string For the Third String use Violin A string For the Fourth String use Banjo 3rd string

To hold the Ukulele.

The left arm should be thrown well forward, holding the Ukulele between the thumb and joint of the forefinger, the tip of the thumb resting on the side next to the Astring near the first fret, with the first finger on the side of the B string.

The middle of the right forearm should press the back of the Ukulele to the body, holding it firmly so that it may be played either standing or sitting. In order to get the best tones from the instrument, great pains should be taken to hold it exactly in the manner described above.

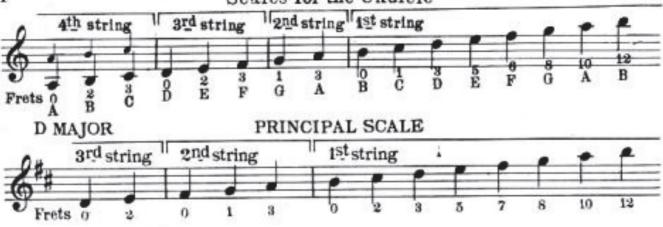
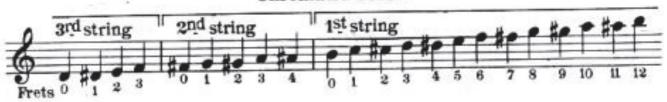


Diagram of Fingerboard



Notes played on the A or 4th string are written an octave lower to avoid confusion in reading





Signatures and Names of the Principal Major and Minor Keys



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RUDIMENTS OF MUSIC

It is recessary that the student should be acquainted with the duration of musical notation.

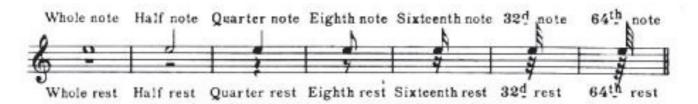
The relative value of the notes is best shown by the following arrangement:

Notes are divided into Bars by single or double lines drawn across the stave.

One line is placed after each bar. Each bar contains the same number or value of notes, and must last precisely the same length of time.

Seven characters determine the value of notes, seven the value of rests.

FORMS OF DIFFERENT NOTES AND RESTS



A Dot placed after any note increases its value one half. Thus



COMPARATIVE TABLE

showing the Relative Value of Notes



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The Strokes

The strokes are made with the first or index finger, which must be perfectly limp, and as though it had no bone in it whatever. It must hang downward over the strings using the nail for the down stroke and the cushion for the up stroke.

The Roll Strokes

The downward roll. A sharp quick flick of the strings with the fingernails and the cushion of the thumb will give the desired tone. It is essential that absolute flexibility of the wrist be attained, and the exercises which
follow must be assiduously practiced to bring this about. The downward roll
is made by striking the strings with the nails of the 4th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st fingers respectively and followed by the cushion of the thumb.

The Upward Roll. This is just the reversed of the down roll, using the nail of the thumb and the cushion of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th fingers.

To much importance cannot be attached to acquiring flexibility of the wrist movement, as it is the whole secret of correct technique.

The left hand fingering is indicated by figures alongside the notes.

- 1 First or index finger
- 2 Second finger
- 3 Third finger
- 4 Fourth finger
- Open string

The Right hand indications are A down stroke

V up stroke

downward roll

upward roll

× Thumb

First finger

.. Second finger

EXERCISES EXPLAINING THE ROLLS AND STROKES 7

COMMON STROKE

Up and down with the first finger, using the nail for the down stroke and the cushion for the up stroke.



DOWNWARD ROLL

Keep the fingers slightly apart, using the nails of the 4th, 3d, 2d and 1st fingers respectively and followed by the cushion of the thumb.



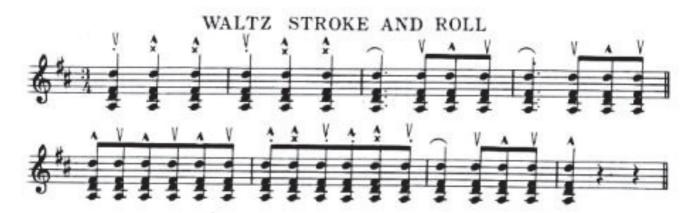
This is just the reverse of the downward roll. The thumb nail begins to roll up, followed by the cushions of the 1st 2d 3d and 4th fingers.



RAGTIME STROKE

Using the thumb and first finger.





SPANISH STROKE



Notes on A or 4th String



SCALE AND EXERCISES IN KEY OF C









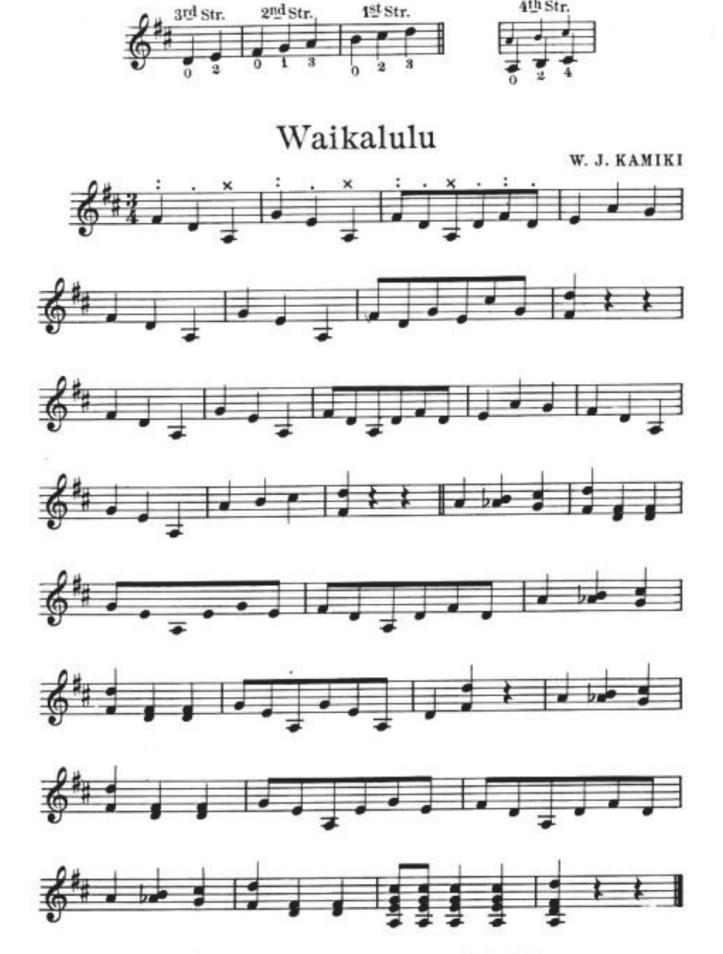












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Ukulele Fingerboard

Nut

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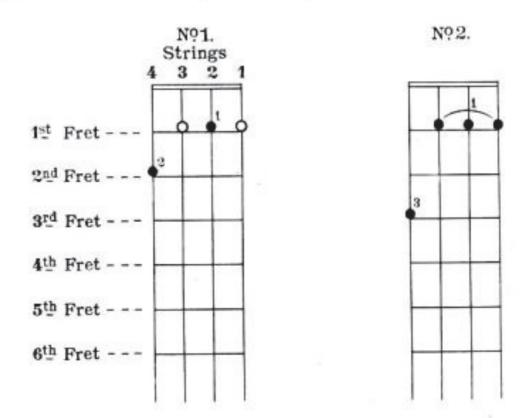
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Explanation of the Diagram Chords

The four vertical lines represent the strings of the Ukulele, and the horizontal lines represent the first six frets of the finger-board.

The string on the right is termed the first, and is on the lower end of the

finger-board when held in position for playing.



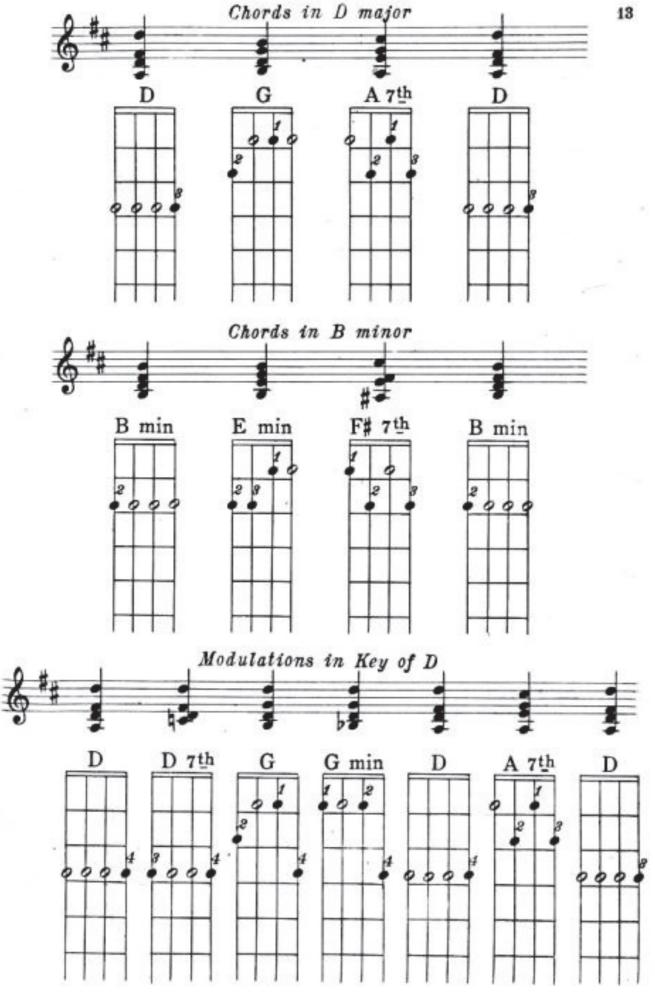
The black dot • indicates where the string is to be stopped, and the numbers indicate the fingers of the left hand. When a string is to be played open (without being touched with fingers of the left hand) the sign is thus O.

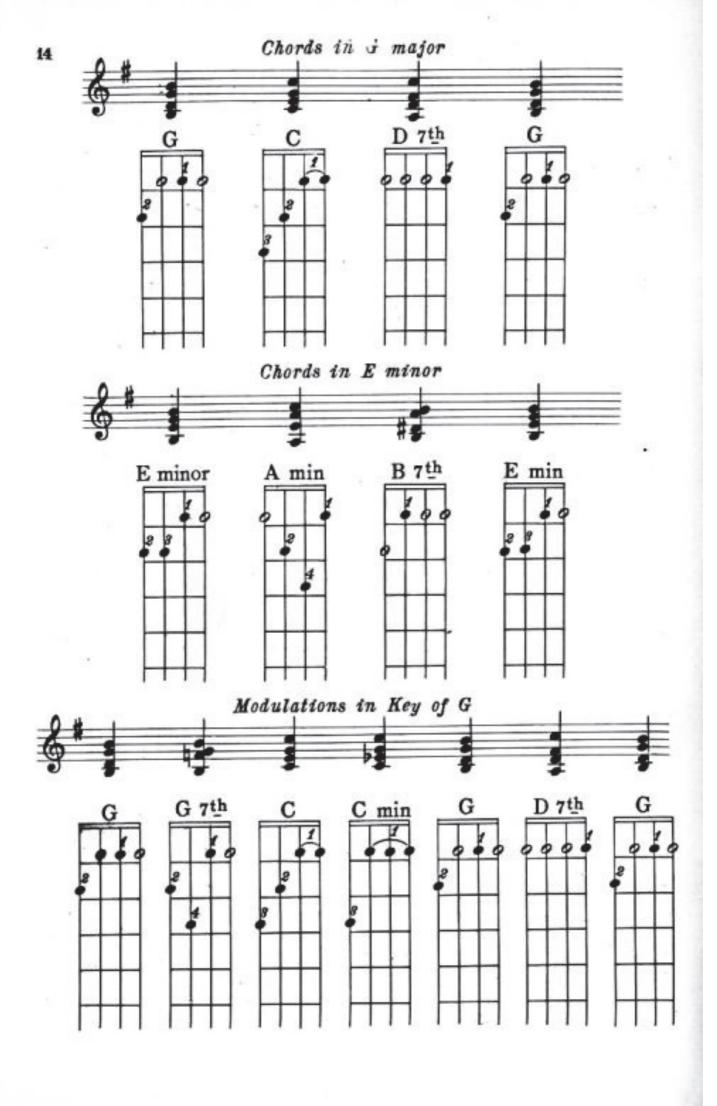
In illustration (number 1) the fourth string is stopped at the 2nd fret, using the 2nd finger. The 3rd string is played open, the 2nd string is stopped at the 1st fret, using the 1st finger, and the 1st string is played open. Always place the fingers behind the frets, not on them.

Illustration (number 2) shows the barre • • • in which one finger stops

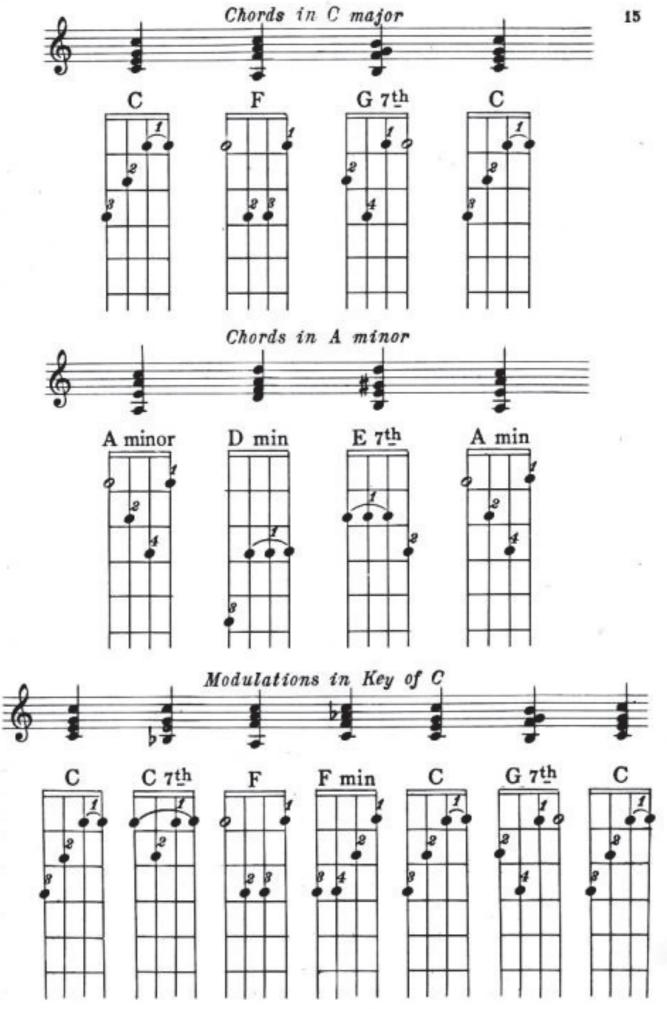
or presses two or more strings.

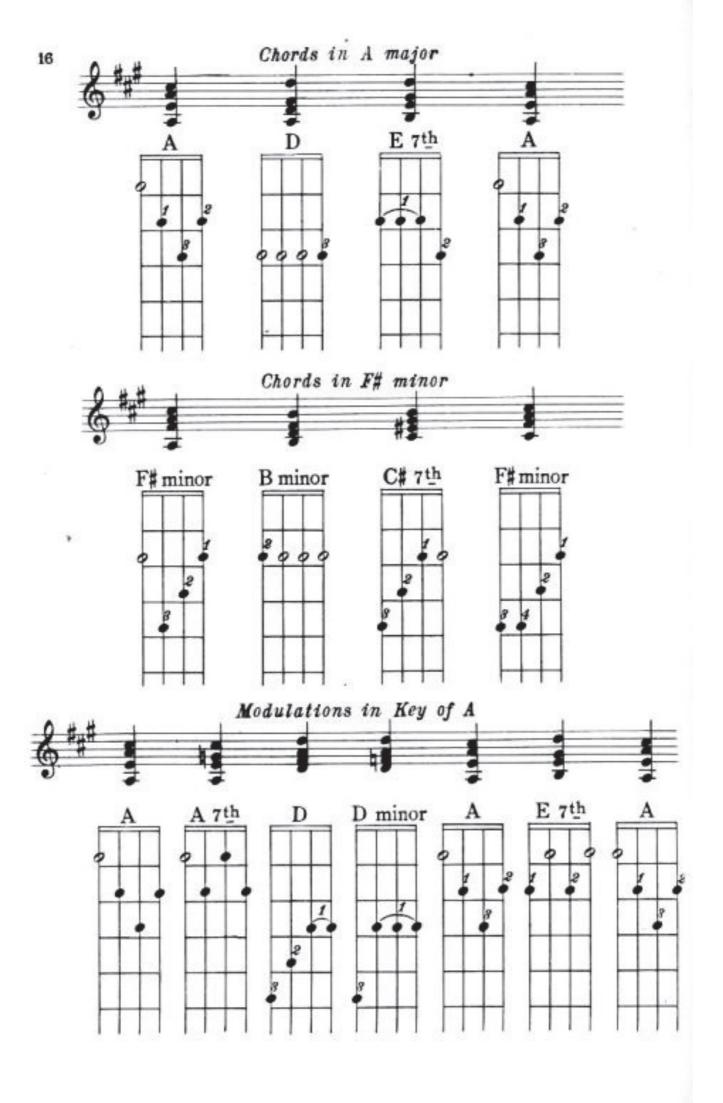
Example: The first, second and third strings are stopped by the first finger at the first fret. The fourth string is stopped by the third finger at the third fret.

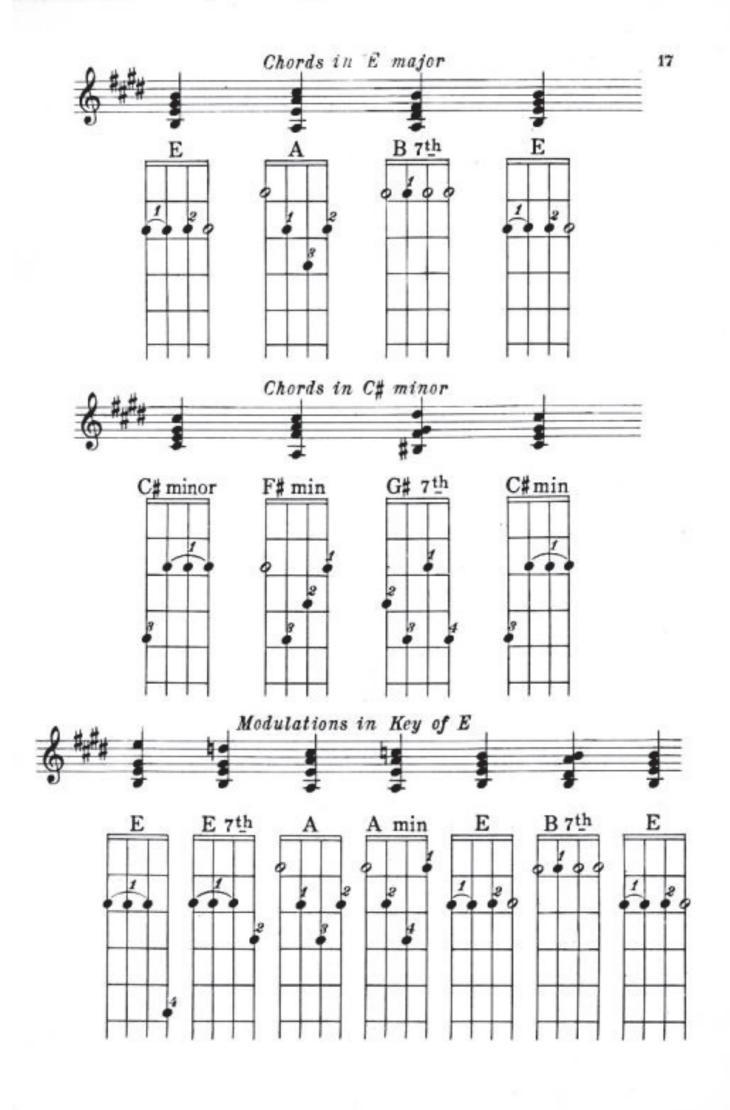




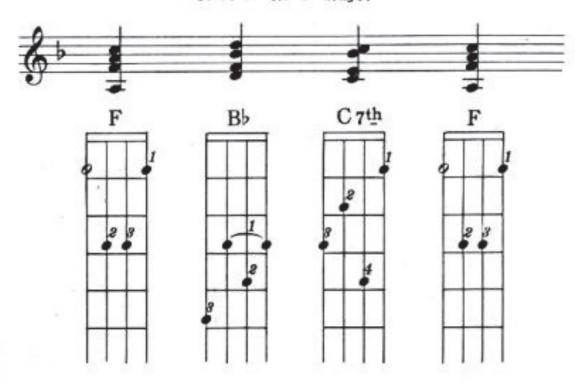






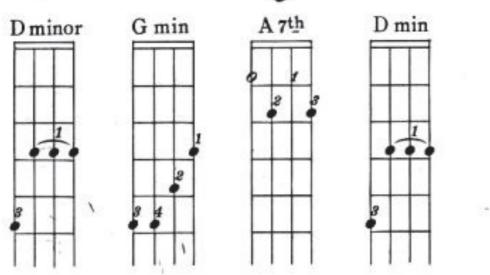


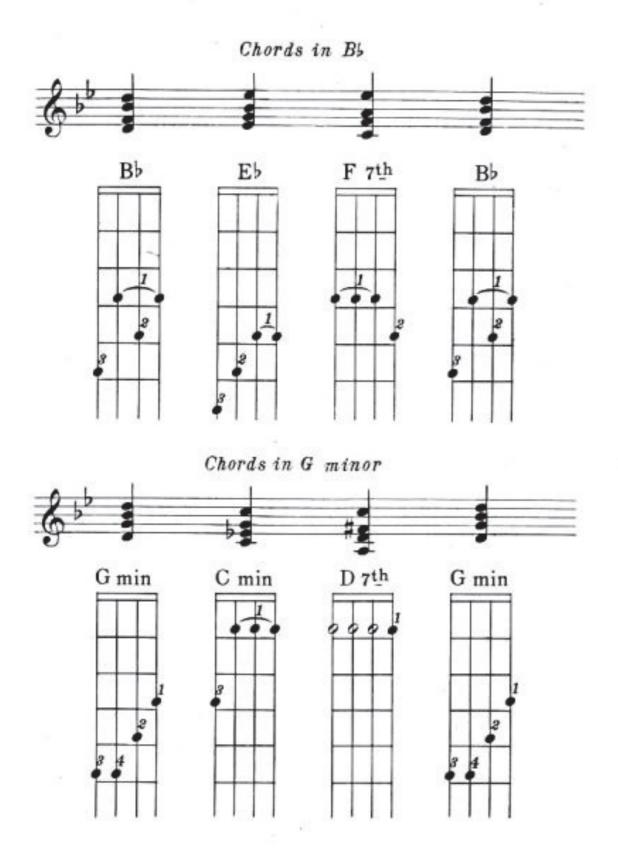
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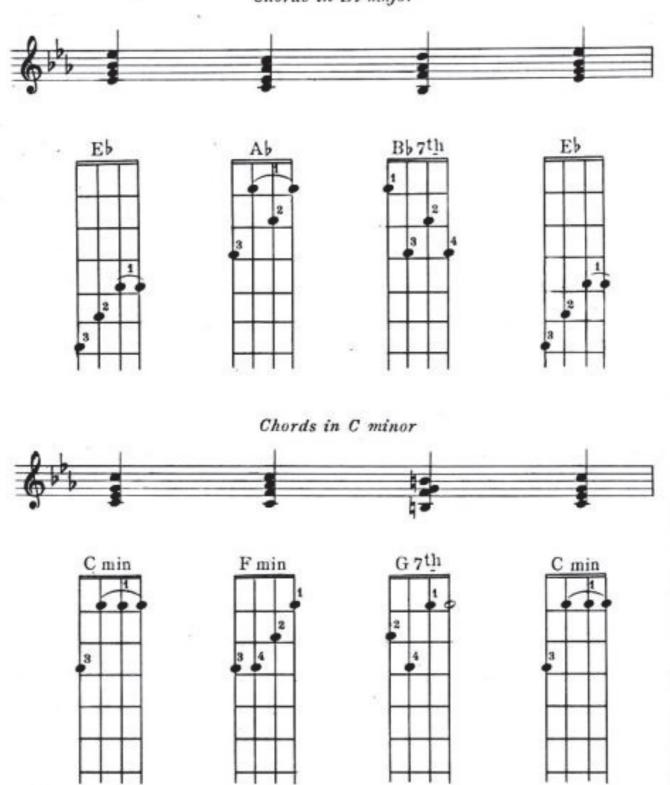
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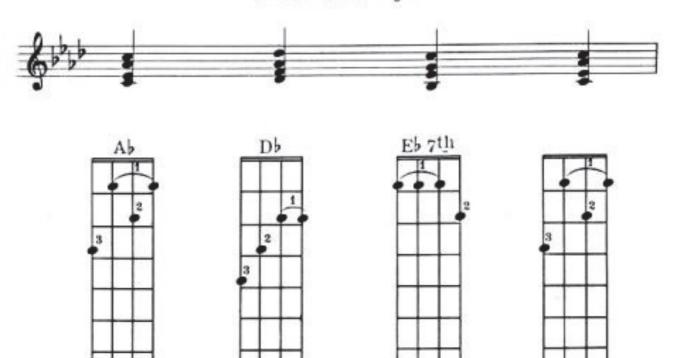




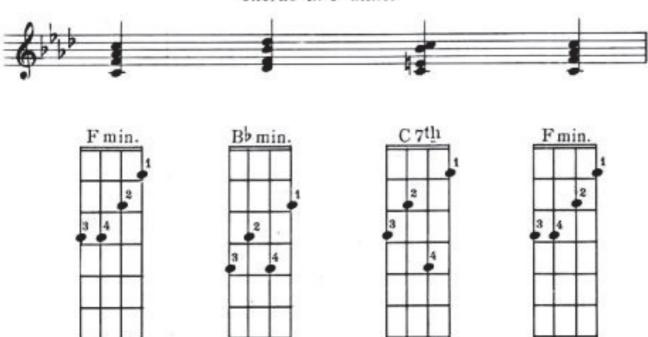
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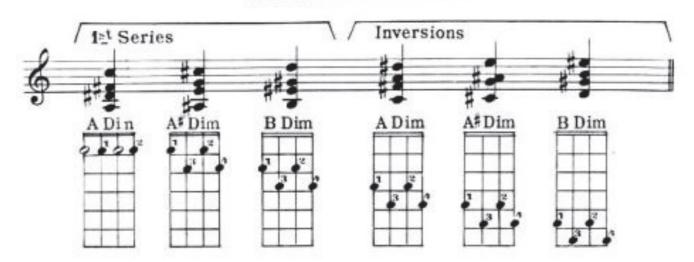
Chords in Ab major



Chords in F minor



DIMINISHED SEVENTH CHORDS and their Inversions



AUGMENTED FIFTH CHORDS



The above diagrams show Twelve Augmented 5th Chords; Practically there are only four, and for this reason we have marked above each chord, its name and a number - You will notice that all chords of a same number, although written differently, are played exactly alike.

Uke Method