

So you've got a ukulele!

Well done. Let's have some fun

When "Beginners" learn to play ukulele, they encounter problems which may turn them off playing before they even start.

DON'T WORRY. We have ALL been there and MOST people seem to make it with just a little encouragement and a small amount of effort.

Here are some of the things which you will ask or think about:

1. How do I hold my ukulele? Should I stand or sit **The see saw approach is best.** See Welcome to the ukulele guys sheet.
2. Where do I need to put my fingers to hold down or "fret" the various chords? Don't fret! This will be explained.
3. How do I strum my ukulele? Try using your fingers and thumb!
4. How do I keep in time? Buy a watch!?! This will develop.
5. How do I keep the rhythm going whilst changing from one chord to another? (I keep having to stop strumming to move my fingers!) This is the hardest thing for beginners on ANY instrument. You'll soon learn.
6. Do I have to learn 100's of chords? No! Most songs can be played with just 3 or 4 chords. Some songs can be played using just 2 chords.
7. Why do some strings buzz? There may be a wasp trapped inside your uke!
8. Is my ukulele in tune? You'll soon know, or someone will tell you! Why not invest in a clip-on Snark chromatic tuner for around £12? Other makes are available for around the same price
9. Why do my fingers get sore? Have you noticed you are using them to press down the strings? They'll soon become hardened.

Have you any more questions? Or do you want to pick up your ukulele and have a lot of fun!

Stay with me and you will be playing your first TWO tunes in less than 30 minutes!

Just look at the accompanying information in the Learners' Pack