

How Do I Play Barre Chords on my Ukulele?

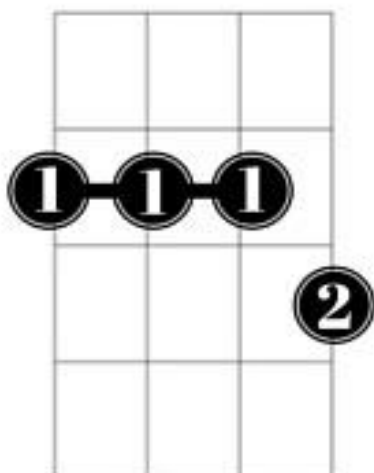
A **Barre chord** (pronounced - bar) is made by pressing down on one or more strings across the Ukulele fret, often completely across, but occasionally only partially (known as a partial barre).

Barre chords can be difficult to switch to and fret. It may take you quite a bit of practice before you can master barre chords on the ukulele. But, why learn the hard way? We are going to walk you through some steps that can make ukulele barre chords easier.

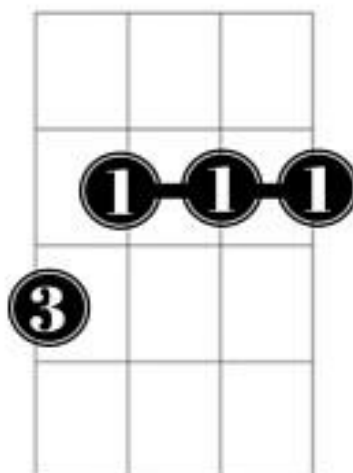
1. Put the middle of your thumb on the back of the fretboard, it's ok if it sticks out a little bit. This will help you apply pressure to the strings when you use your barre chord finger.
2. Try to press down as close to the fret as possible. This will ensure you are getting the proper leverage against the strings and each string will ring out more clearly.
3. Use a full barre. Some chords like B flat require you to only barre two strings instead of all four. Go big, or go home and go for the full barre. I think it makes it easier to get the right amount of pressure, especially when you are just getting the hang of it.
4. When you can, double the barre. This won't work for every chord, but sometimes it's helpful to place your middle finger behind your index finger when playing a barre chord. This will make your barre chords stronger and ring out clearly.
5. If you have dead notes, try to isolate which notes aren't ringing out. You can do this by plucking each individual string. Once identified, you can play around with your positioning to get the best angle.
6. Keep practicing! It takes a while to master Barre chords. They require a good amount of strength from your fretting hand. You can work on finger exercises to build up your strength.

Here are some common Ukulele Barre chords:

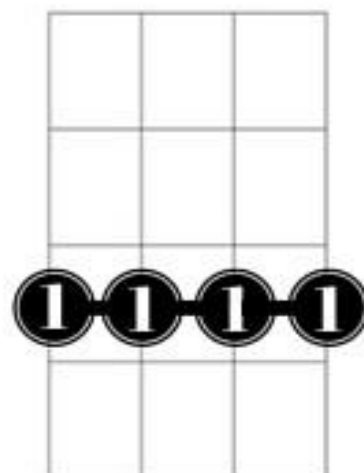
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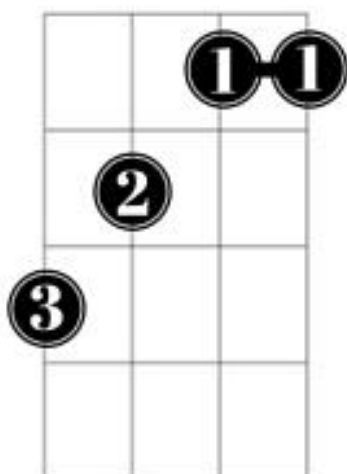


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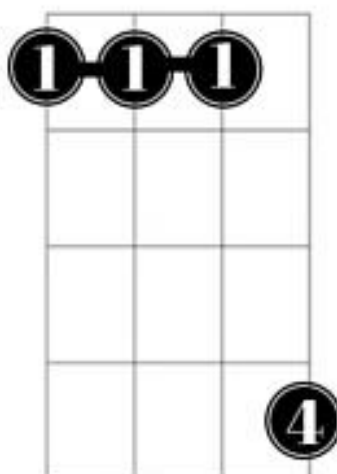


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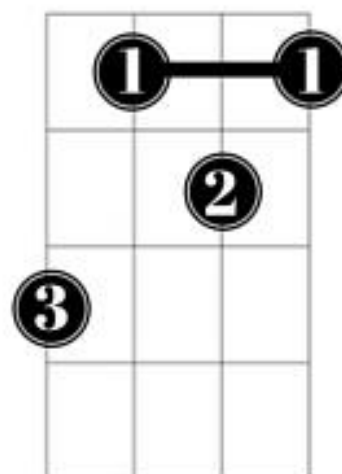
B \flat



C \sharp



F \sharp



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Remember, Barre chords are tricky! Don't give up on them. It will be a process to learn and master Ukulele Barre chords.