

Can I strum my ukulele in different ways ?

Ukulele developed

Unit Outcome: We can play and perform in ensemble contexts, playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

Key vocabulary

frets, sound hole, tuning pegs, **strum**, up strum, down, strum, time signature, chord, open strings, crochet, rest, bar, timbre, texture, structure, pulse, tempo, dynamics, pitch durations, reflect

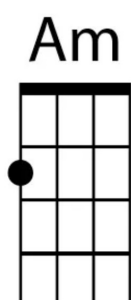
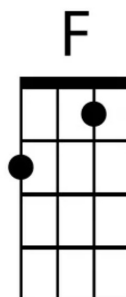
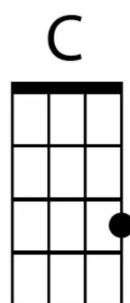


Must—know knowledge

- Strumming creates rhythms on a string instrument
- It has 4 stings G, C, E, A (**G**reen, **C**ows, **E**at, **A**liens)
- Rhythmic notation: crochet, quavers, minim, crochet rest (recap from year 3)
- **chord** = When you strum more than one note at the same time.
- **C Major chord** — 3rd finger, 3rd fret, A string
- **A Minor chord** — 2nd finger, 2nd fret, G string
- **F Major chord** (at the same time) — 1st finger 1st fret E string. 2nd finger 2nd fret G string

Must—know skills

- Strum with the correct fingers
- Strum up and down and read symbols
- Move fluently between chords
- Read strumming patterns
- Read simple notation or symbols



Ten Strumming Patterns You Need to Know

	1	and	2	and	3	and	4	and
1	↓	—	↓	—	↓	—	↓	—
2	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑
3	↓	—	↓	—	↓	↑	↓	↑
4	↓	—	↓	↑	↓	—	↓	↑
5	↓	—	—	—	↓	—	↓	↑
6	↓	—	↓	↑	—	↑	↓	↑
7	↓	—	—	—	↓	↑	↓	↑
8	↓	↑	↓	↑	—	↑	↓	↑
9	↓	↑	—	↑	—	↑	↓	↑
10	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑