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Here's your Quick Start Guide for the Ukulele. This guide will help you tune and restring your uke, so you can get big sound out of a cool little instrument!

WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

Did you know that the ukulele was brought to Hawaii from Portugal more than a hundred years ago? The Hawaiian people called it ukulele, which means "jumping flea" and it became very popular in the islands. Then lots of other people started playing it, like you! Today, the ukulele is heard in many styles of music, including pop, reggae, and traditional Hawaiian music.

Happy playing!

TUNING YOUR UKULELE

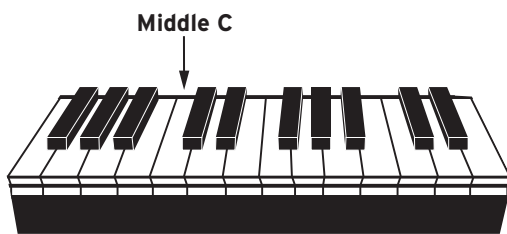
Ukulele Standard Tuning:

NOTE	G	C	E	A
STRING	4	3	2	1

Ukuleles have four strings (usually tuned to G, C, E, and A).

Here are two ways to tune:

- Tune to another instrument:**
You can use a piano or keyboard to tune. Play the piano keys one at a time, and tune each guitar string to match the sound of the note.
- Use an electronic tuner**
An electronic tuner tells you if the pitch is too high or too low, which helps you tune up.

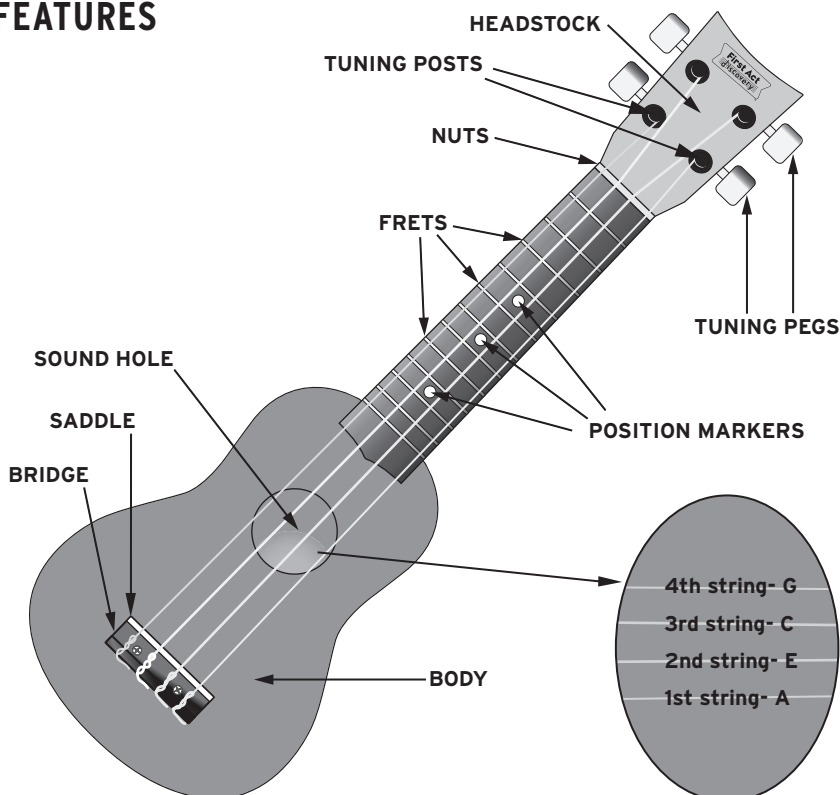


The tuning can be easily memorized by this little phrase "My Dog Has Fleas"

Strings: 4 3 2 1



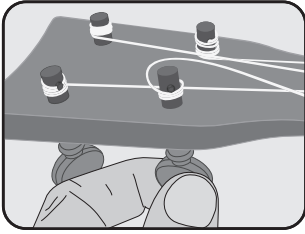
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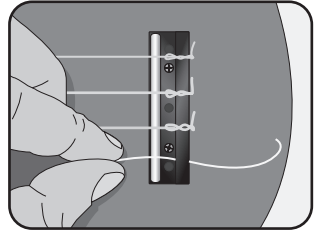
CHANGING STRINGS

Safety first! Always ask an adult to help you change strings.

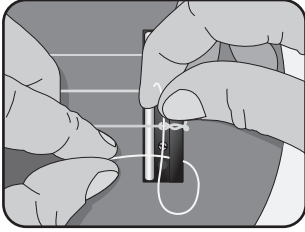
Strings should be replaced when they become dirty or dull-sounding. Change one string at a time, keeping the other strings in place. This is better for the uke's neck. Follow these steps to change strings:



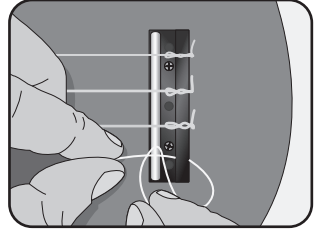
1. Loosen the tuning peg of the string and remove the string from the uke.



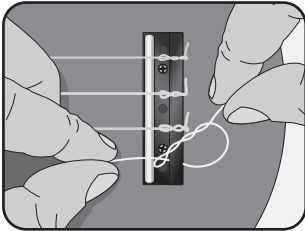
2. Poke a new string through the hole in the bridge, leaving 3 inches at the end to tie the string to the bridge.



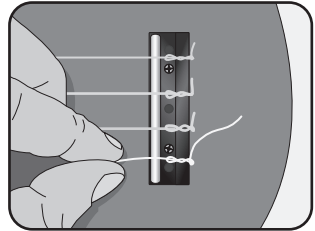
3. Run the end under the string to make a loop.



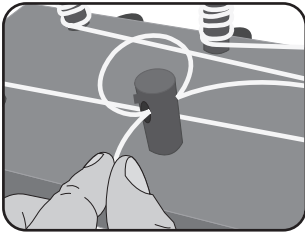
4. Pull the end back over the top of the string.



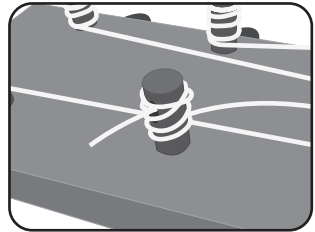
5. Thread the end through the loop 2-3 times, then pull the end to tighten.



6. Pull the longer end of the string to tighten further.



7. Pass the other end of the string through the hole in the tuning post, so that 2 inches of string stick out. Make a loop and run the end of the string through the hole again.



8. Turn the tuning peg to wind the string around the post. Wind the string above and below itself on the post.

9. Turn the peg until the string makes a sound when you pluck it.

10. Repeat these steps for all strings. Tune the strings, and trim any excess at the ends.



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