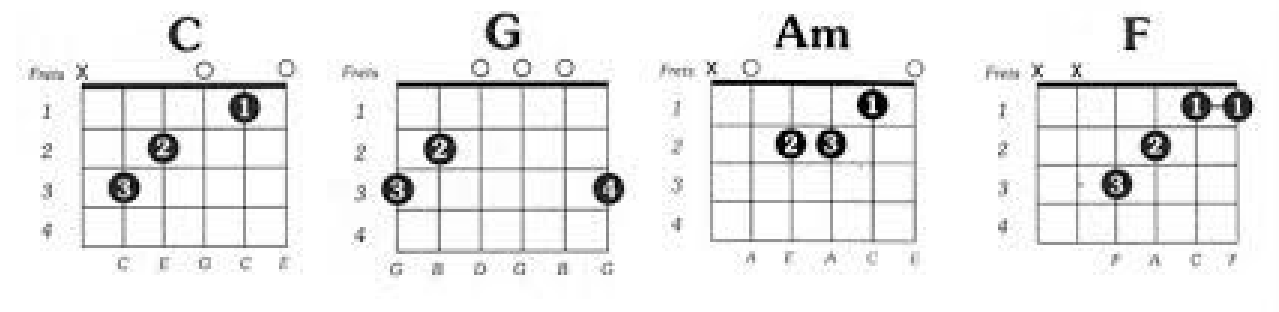


Chords

Chords take patience, strength, and working through some uncomfortable feelings with your hands. This is normal, if you want to play chords, they will take some time.



(vertical lines are strings, from left to right EADGBE, horizontal lines are frets)

Things to think about when playing chords:

- Pay attention to your thumb, make sure it is in the middle of the back of the neck
- Use the very tips of your fingers, unless you are “barring” ie. in the 1st finger on the F chord)
- Keep your fingers “rounded” and make sure they are only hitting the strings you want them to
- Place your fingers immediately next to the fret, on the head side, not directly on top of the fret
- Try playing the chords one string at a time to see which notes are ringing out and which fingers need work.
- Try to hold the chord for a little while to build endurance

Songs you can play with these 4 chords:

Journey – “Don’t Stop Believing”
 James Blunt – “You’re Beautiful”
 Black Eyed Peas – “Where Is the Love”
 Alphaville – “Forever Young”
 Jason Mraz – “I’m Yours”
 Train – “Hey Soul Sister”
 The Calling – “Wherever You Will Go”
 Elton John – “Can You Feel The Love Tonight” (from The Lion King)
 Akon – “Don’t Matter”
 John Denver – “Take Me Home, Country Roads”
 Lady Gaga – “Paparazzi”
 U2 – “With Or Without You”
 The Last Goodnight – “Pictures of You”
 Maroon Five – “She Will Be Loved”
 The Beatles – “Let It Be”
 Bob Marley – “No Woman No Cry”

Marcy Playground – “Sex and Candy”
 Men At Work – “Land Down Under”
 Theme from America’s Funniest Home Videos
 Jack Johnson – “Taylor”
 Spice Girls – “Two Become One”
 A Ha – “Take On Me”
 Green Day – “When I Come Around”
 Eagle Eye Cherry – “Save Tonight”
 Toto – “Africa”
 Beyonce – “If I Were A Boy”
 Kelly Clarkson – “Behind These Hazel Eyes”
 Jason DeRulo – “In My Head”
 The Smashing Pumpkins – “Bullet With Butterfly Wings”
 Joan Osborne – “One Of Us”
 Avril Lavigne – “Complicated”
 The Offspring – “Self Esteem”

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 Akon – “Beautiful”
 Timberland featuring OneRepublic – “Apologize”
 Eminem featuring Rihanna – “Love the Way You Lie”
 Bon Jovi – “It’s My Life”
 Lady Gaga – “Pokerface”
 Aqua – “Barbie Girl”
 Red Hot Chili Peppers – “Otherside”
 The Gregory Brothers – “Double Rainbow”
 MGMT – “Kids”
 Andrea Bocelli – “Time To Say Goodbye”
 Robert Burns – “Auld Lang Syne”
 Five for fighting – “Superman”
 The Axis of Awesome – “Birdplane”
 Missy Higgins – “Scar”