

# Wooden Ukulele

Instructions Manual

# Please take a few moments to read through this booklet.

# **1. Tuning Instruction**

Using an electronic tuner is by far the easiest and most accurate way to tune your ukulele. Tuning your ukulele with an electronic tuner is pretty straight forward. You put the tuner on your lap of clip it on the headstock and pluck the strings. It will then show the note you are playing. Use the tuning pegs to get the desired note.

# 2. Tips on How to Take Care of Your Ukulele

Even if your ukelele is of high quality, like all instruments, you need to care for it. Playing it and allowing all the oils from your fingers to get in contact with your instrument is a factor along with many others why you need to spoil your ukulele and give it the necessary attention.

# 1. Keep It Clean

Clean your ukulele after each time you use it. The sweat and grease from your hands are trapping dust on the surface of the uke, which deteriorates the condition of the wood. You can use lemon oil and a microfiber cleaning cloth to get rid of all the dust and stickiness. Slip a clean rag underneath the strings to clean the board.

# 2. Avoid The Effect of Humidity

Keep your ukulele stored in about 50% relative humidity.



#### 3. Restring Your Ukulele Regularly

Although this will differ from one player to the other, you need to consider how frequently you play your ukulele and, based on that, change your strings. Signs you need to change your strings:

- Strings are tired if they can't hold in place as much as usual, and they loosen too quickly.
- A variation in the strings or strings aren't as smooth anymore.
- If your ukulele sounds a little dull.

### 4. Don't Go too Harsh With The Pick

Learn how to strum without letting the pick touch the body of your ukulele.

#### 5. Use Your Capo Properly

Make sure that your clamp is wide enough while placing it to avoid rough friction with your neck, and similarly, make sure to unclamp it then remove it, not just pull it off.

#### 6. Use a Case

This is necessary if you want to avoid damaging your ukulele.

#### 7. Handle Your Ukulele Properly While Playing

Pay attention not to drop the instrument. You can cause a lot of damage to your ukulele if you just keep dropping it every now and then, from simple scratches to serious breaking.

# 3. Chord Chart

When you are just starting out with playing the ukulele it can be quite overwhelming, especially if it's your first instrument ever. There are dozens of chords and hundreds of ways to play them that can be found online. You can practice and play using the most common chords.

To indicate the fingerings chords and musical phrases in the exercises, the number the fingers of the left hand are shown as follows.



- 4 Little finger

# **MOST COMMON CHORDS**











2 1

3 2 1











 $A^7$ 



Fm

24







3 4 1





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# 4. Song Chord Progressions

The ukulele is one of the easiest instruments to learn. Some of the coolest songs out there are also easy songs to play on the ukulele, even if you're a complete beginner. Ukulele chords and lyrics for any song can be found by googling "SONG NAME ukulele chords".

#### "Don't Worry Be Happy"

**C** - **D***m* - **F** - **C** 

"The Lion Sleeps Tonight" **G** - **C** - **G** - **D** 

"Happy Birthday" *D - A - D - G - D - A - D* 







#### **Questions? Issues?**

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