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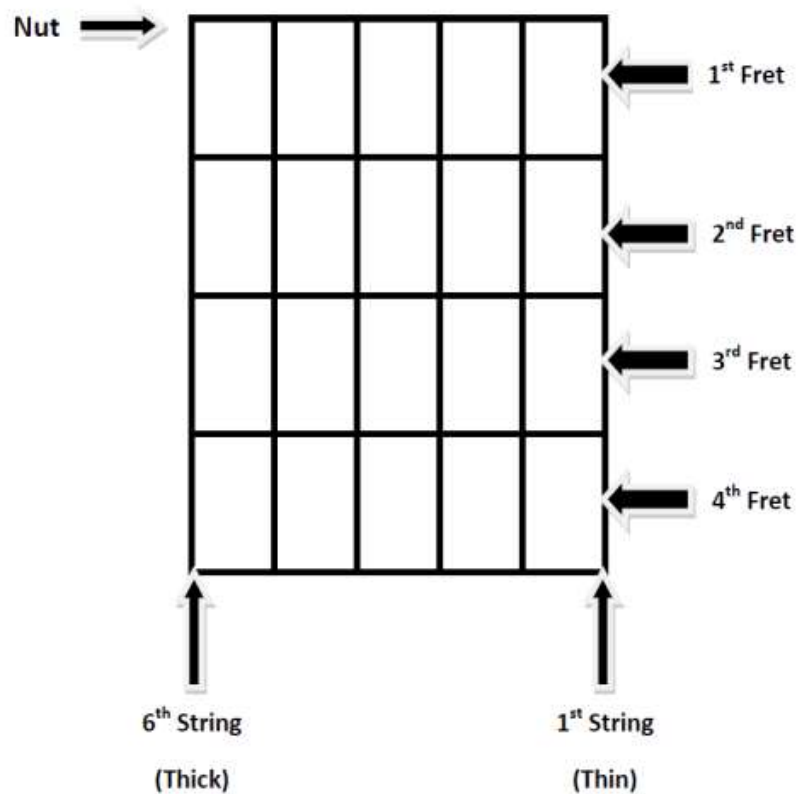
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In this guide, we will be looking at 5 of the most important chords you need to learn your favorite songs on guitar.

While there are thousands of chords, most songs are built on a few simple but important guitar chords.

Let's start off by making sure we understand HOW to read guitar chords. This chart will help you to understand how to do this:



## The G Chord

First up, we have the single most popular chord on the guitar, the G Chord! This chord is a must in your guitar journey:



With the G chord, you can strum all 6 strings. Place your fingers on the following strings/frets:

1. first finger pressing on the 5<sup>th</sup> string 2<sup>nd</sup> fret,
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> finger pressing on the 6<sup>th</sup> string 3<sup>rd</sup> fret, and
3. third finger pressing on the 1<sup>st</sup> string 3<sup>rd</sup> fret.

## The C Chord

The next chord to tackle is the C chord. This chord is used in the same “key” as the G chord, and compliments it:



With the C chord, you can strum 5 out of 6 strings. Place your fingers on the following strings/frets:

1. first finger pressing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> string 1<sup>st</sup> fret,
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> finger pressing on the 4<sup>th</sup> string 2<sup>nd</sup> fret, and
3. third finger pressing on the 5<sup>th</sup> string 3<sup>rd</sup> fret.

Avoid strumming the 6<sup>th</sup> string

## The D Chord

Next up, we have the D Chord. This is the third “major (happy)” chord we have in the key of G, and it rounds out the 3 most important chords to tackle first:



With the D chord, you can strum 4 out of 6 strings. Place your fingers on the following strings/frets:

1. first finger pressing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> string 2<sup>nd</sup> fret,
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> finger pressing on the 1<sup>st</sup> string 2<sup>nd</sup> fret, and
3. third finger pressing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> string 3<sup>rd</sup> fret.

Avoid strumming the 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> strings...

## The Am Chord

Now, we will look at our first “minor (sad)” chord, the A minor chord. Minor chords are always written with an “m” behind them:



With the Am chord, you can strum 5 out of 6 strings. Place your fingers on the following strings/frets:

1. first finger pressing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> string 1<sup>st</sup> fret,
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> finger pressing on the 4<sup>th</sup> string 2<sup>nd</sup> fret, and
3. third finger pressing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> string 2<sup>nd</sup> fret.

Avoid strumming the 6<sup>th</sup> string...



## The Em Chord

And lastly, let's look at one of the most important chords of the G family, the E minor chord. This chord is used in most songs and truly helps to add that sad or darker sound to your songs:



With the G chord, you can strum all 6 strings. Place your fingers on the following strings/frets:

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> finger pressing on the 5<sup>th</sup> string 2<sup>nd</sup> fret, and
2. third finger pressing on the 4<sup>th</sup> string 2<sup>nd</sup> fret.

With these 5 chords, you will be able to play many of your favorite songs with ease!