



Barre Chord Series

Day 1

Forward

Bb (B Flat) is typically the first barre chord you will encounter on your ukulele journey as it appears in many popular songs. Although challenging, everyone can master it with time and practice! Below is a procedure to help you master the B Flat chord.

Building the Bb chord: Procedure

1. Start by compressing the E & A strings (1st Fret) with your index finger. Make sure the index finger is very flat.
2. On the back of the neck, position your thumb in line with your index finger to create a pinching point to help apply pressure to the strings with your index.
3. Pluck the E & A strings with the thumb of your strumming hand until both notes ring clearly.
4. While keeping your index finger in position on the 1st fret, add your middle finger to the C string (2nd fret.) Make sure your index finger remains

very flat and your middle finger is bent at the last knuckle.

5. Pluck the C, E & A strings with the thumb of your strumming hand until each of these notes rings clearly.
6. With your index and middle finger compressing the C, E & A strings, add your ring finger to the G string (3rd fret.) Try to bend your ring finger at the last knuckle to help avoid touching the string below.
7. Pluck the G, C, E & A strings with the thumb of your strumming hand until each note rings clearly.
8. Take your time with this procedure and work on it in short increments. Master each finger of the chord before moving forward in the procedure. If your hand starts to cramp, take a break and return to the procedure later.

Keep these notes in front of you as you watch the corresponding video tutorial for guidance :)

Exercises

Once you are able to achieve a clean sound from the Bb chord, try incorporating Bb into chord progressions with a simple strumming pattern.

A.) D - U - Clap B.) D - D - U - U - D - U

1. Bb (8x) – Rest and repeat.
2. Bb (4x) - F (4x) - Bb (4x) - F (4x)
3. Bb (2x) - F (2x) - Bb (2x) - F (2x)
4. Dm (4x) - Bb (4x) - C (4x) - F (4x)
5. Am (2x) - Dm (2x) - Bb (2x) - F (2x)