



Barre Chord Series

Day 2

Forward

Bm (B Minor) is the first minor barre chord you typically encounter in ukulele songs. Although challenging, everyone can master it with time and practice! Below is a procedure to help you master the Bm chord.

Building the Bm chord: Procedure

1. Start by compressing the C, E & A strings (2nd 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 C, E & A strings with the thumb of your strumming hand until all notes ring clearly.
4. While keeping your index finger in position on the 2nd fret, add your ring finger to the G string (4th

- fret.) Make sure your index finger remains very flat and your ring finger is bent at the last knuckle.
5. Pluck the G, C, E & A strings with the thumb of your strumming hand until each of these notes rings clearly.
 6. 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 Bm chord, try incorporating Bm into chord progressions with a simple strumming pattern.

Strumming Patterns

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

1. Bm (8x) – Rest and repeat.
2. Bm (4x) - A (4x) - Bm (4x) - A (4x)
3. Bm (2x) - C#m (2x) - Bm (2x) - C#m (2x)
4. A (4x) - Bm (4x) - C#m (4x) - Bm (4x)
5. D (2x) - A (2x) - Bm (2x) - A (2x)

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