



Chord Hacks: G & G7

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G and G7 are the first three finger chords we typically encounter in ukulele songs. Although challenging at first, this chord hack will help you to master these chords.

Mastering this chord hack: Procedure

1. This chord hack applies to both G & G7. See chord chart for proper finger placements.
2. Evaluate your finger position making sure that you are bending your fingers at the last knuckle and using your fingertips to compress the strings.
3. Your thumb should be positioned on the back of the neck directly behind the chording fingers.
4. If portions of your fingers are touching strings other than the ones noted in the diagrams, make slight adjustments. This will ensure that the notes

of these chords ring out equally.

5. Now for the chord hack!
6. By slightly rotating your wrist, tilt your fretting hand towards the headstock of the ukulele. The outside portion of your hand (beneath your index finger) may touch the headstock of the ukulele.
7. When positioned correctly, your fingers should be nearly parallel to the strings. This adjustment will properly space your fingers to help you from muting strings unintentionally.
8. Build this chord hack into your routine when G or G7 appears in a chord progression. Practice makes permanent!

Exercises

Once you have achieved a clean sound from both G & G7, practice this method with the following chord progressions and strumming patterns. Practice slowly, focusing on clean tone and precision with your chording.

A.) D - D - U - D - U (Folk) B.) D - D - U

Strum 1x, 2x, 4x per chord

1. C - G7 - C - G7

2. F - G7 - C - Am

3. C - Am - F - G7

4. C - G - C - G

5. G - C - Em - Am