

Writing Ukulele Chord Progressions

l ii iii IVV vi VII

Chords: C - Dm - Em - F - G - Am - Bdim

Materials: Chord Chart | Key Chords

Procedure:

- 1. Choose your chord progression based on key. Try different numerical sequences.
- Think about each chords function within the key. Tonic chords will feel resolved whereas subdominant and dominant chords will create movement and tension within a chord progression.
- 3. Choose strumming patterns based on time signature.

Sample progressions to try in the Key of C:

Strumming Patterns (DDUUDU, DDUDU, DDUDU)

1.
$$ii - vi - V - I = Dm - Am - G - C$$

2.
$$I - IV - I - V7 = C - F - C - G7$$

3.
$$IV - V - iii - vi = F - G - Em - Am$$

4.
$$ii - V7 - I = Dm - G7 - C$$

5.
$$IV - VII - I - vi = F - Bdim - C - Am$$