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# Electric Guitar

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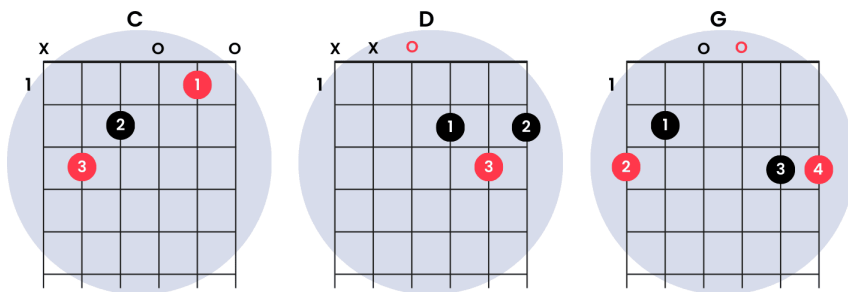
## Essentials Part 2

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### G, C & D Major Chords

These major chord shapes are a step up in difficulty; they require more fingers and a wider stretch, but they sound great! The G and C are particularly hard work, so don't be disheartened if it takes a while to get them just right. We're going to be working with these 3 chords for a long while now, so don't feel pressure to get them nailed by the end of this lesson... They will be a work in progress. Enjoy that process, keep showing up, keep putting the time in, and gradually they will get there! Here are those three chords:



Notice that we have now added a red blob! This shows us the “root note” of the chord. The root note is the strongest note and the main note of any chord –

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Now that we've covered some basics, it's time to kick things up a notch! In this set of five lessons, we'll be learning some trickier chord shapes, the "universal strumming pattern" and finally tackling a full song for the first time!

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-  **G, C & D Major Chords**
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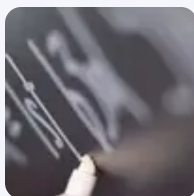
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it gives the chord its letter – and is therefore important to know. More on the theory at a later date!

## Want the theory now?

If you love getting to the bottom of the theory behind the chords, check out the Theory Lab section of our site when you have time. The course you will need is Essential Theory. Enjoy!

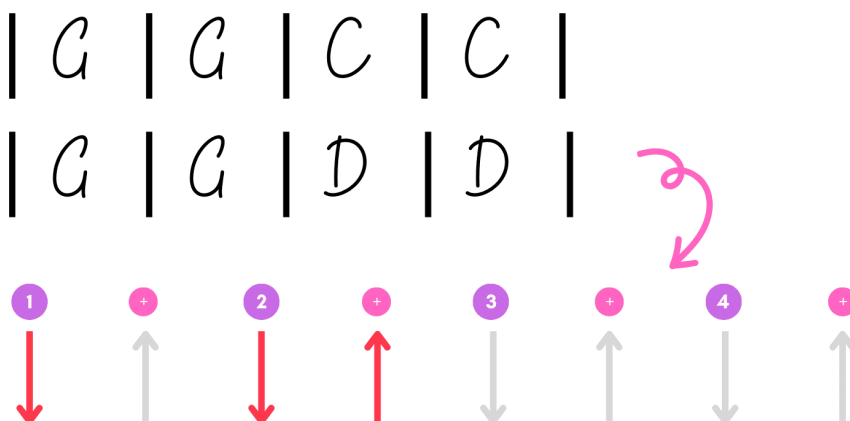


### Essential Theory

Theory Lab

## Changing chords

Let's apply the strumming pattern we covered in the previous unit to these new chords. Using the chord chart shown below, repeat the pattern for as long as necessary to start getting a better feel for the chords.





“ Don't rush this guys! Observe as your fingers gradually, gradually get themselves into position, and allow plenty of time for this to all sink in! Frustrated? Awesome! That's part of the whole thing as well!

Dan ”



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