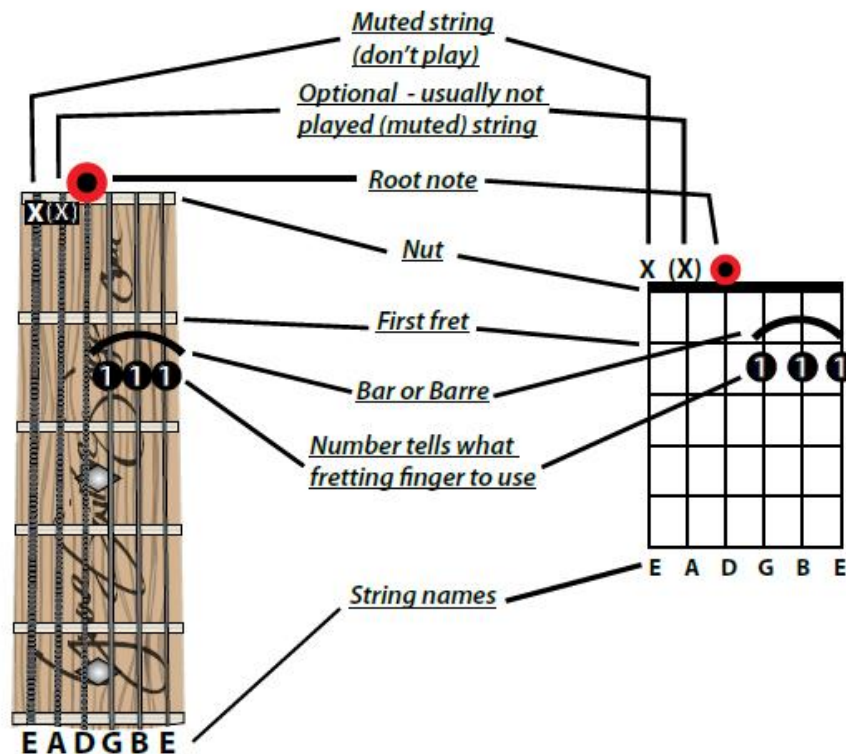


How to Read Chord Stamps



The above diagram is called a **Chord Stamp**. It allows us to easily read chord shapes. Many chord stamp illustrations vary, but for our example, let's go over the following:

The red/black dot represents the root of the chord; the note that we build the chord upon. Essentially, it's the note that the rest of the chord is based on (i.e. "D", "D-", "D7" chords would all have different "fingerings", but would all have the same root, D). Often times, the root is the lowest sounding note in the chord.

The number within the black circle represents the fretting hand finger that should be pressed down on that particular place on the neck. "O" means open, or play that string without a finger on it. Sometimes I will put a "T" if I want to bring your thumb up and over the back of the neck to play certain notes. However, you should not attempt that technique for quite some time as you will need to understand the "proper" way of playing chords before you try this "rogue" method.

Hello world **Your fingers are notated:**

Index=1, Middle=2, Ring=3, Pinky=4. The semi-circle/arc located above the three 1's on the