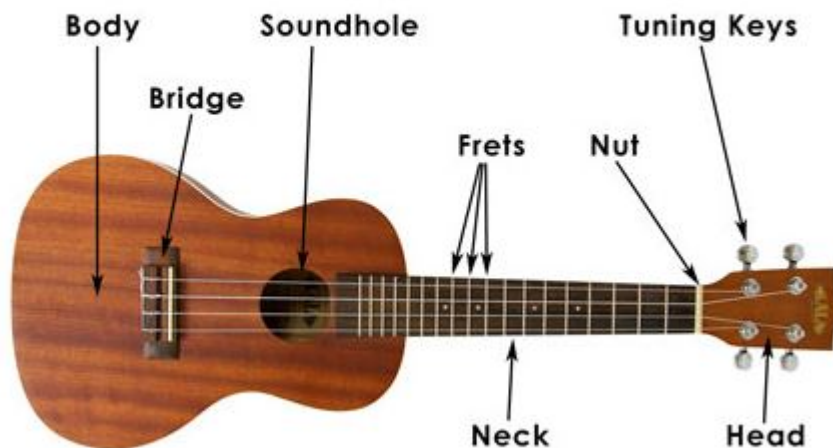


Ukeleles and Accessories

PARTS OF A UKULELE



There are a few sizes of uke but most beginners go for and probably should go for a Soprano or Concert size . The small size of the Soprano means that your fingers have less stratching to do to reach various chords . However there are reasons to go for a concert size too , two of which could be that you have big fingers and squeezing your fingers into the small space could be tricky and also it is not uncommon for people to buy a concert size later on anyway so this choice could save you some money in the long run . The choice therefore is generally not clear . Looks may be important to you too . Of course your budget will be another filter on the number of ukes that are available for you to choose from . I would say that £50 ish is the minimum you should be looking to spend which doesn't mean you have to spend much more than this . More info on choosing a ukulele can be found at this web address .A case/bag to safely carry your uke around is pretty well esential too .

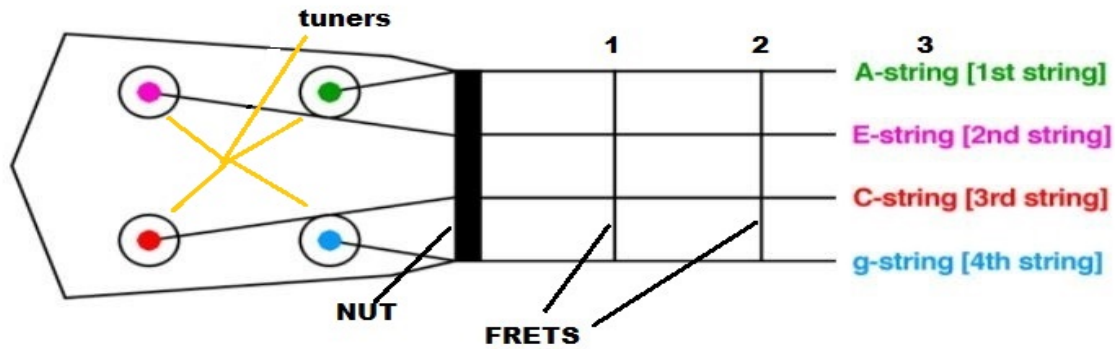
<https://ukuleletricks.com/5-best-ukuleles-to-buy-for-beginners/>

Two well established Ukulele shops that have good web sites and deal with all things ukulele related are at the following addresses . Both do online shopping.

<https://www.southernukulelestore.co.uk/>

and

<https://www.dukeofuke.co.uk/>



Above is an image of the headstock ,frets , nut and named strings on the uke .

Having bought your ukulele the very next thing you need to buy is a digital ukulele tuner to make sure each string makes the sound it should and also learn how to tune your uke so that they do make that correct sound . A great web site to head for on info about tuning your uke is below. It has a fab video on how to use the tuner and on the same web page lets you hear what each string should sound like when plucked . Copy and paste this address into your browser.

<https://ukuleletricks.com/ukulele-tuning-how-to-tune-your-ukulele/>

The tuner is as necessary as the ukulele itself so you have to have one. They usually cost between £5 and £10 but can cost more , so shop around . There will probably be instructions with your tuner. Up until now we have always tuned to what is called “standard re-entrant tuning “ .

Another good buy for most people is a Ukelele strap . The strap holds and balances the uke and means you don’t have to . As such these are things you don’t have to think about when you are playing . £8-£15 is not uncommon for them and beware that there are different types . A recommended buy .

Another , pretty well essential piece of equipment is a music stand . This holds your song sheet at a comfortable height and angle when you are playing . You can buy ones that sit on a table top or ones that sit on the ground and have telescopic poles that bring it up to a convenient height . They cost from about £15 ish .I know you can just have your song sheet on the table top but its not so easy to read from there .

The above are the essentials then all you need then is plenty of practise to become as good as you want to be and get some song sheets , lots of which are on our U3A Hillingdon , ukulele section , web site .