

The Muted Strum

The *Muted Chord* is executed by relaxing the chord hand during the strum. If the chord is a barre, relaxing the pressure is enough to create the percussive, drum like effect. If holding an open position chord which includes at least one open strings, the fingers relax but maintain enough finger pressure to get the muted sound with any finger that is not being used to mute any open strings.



The Universal Muted Chord

A muted chord is where you place your fingers, lightly across all four strings without pressing down the strings. Striking the chord produces a muted sound of no particular pitches.

This is what a ukulele players are calling, *The Universal Muted Chord*. You're utilizing your ukulele as a drum and there is no discernible pitch - just like a drum. This chord is strictly a percussive technique and works on any song just as a drum works with any song.

Notation

The standard music notation for a muted note or chord is for the note head to be replaced with an X.



