



Ukulele Sheet Music Cheat Sheet: Sharps, Flats, Key Signatures, and Accidentals

The majority of music that I post on LowGUkulele.com uses one of four key signatures: C, G, D and F. These are the keys that work best on a uke both melodically and harmonically (chords).

If you can learn to recognize these key signatures, pictured to the right, you'll be able to recognize sheet music from other sources that can be played on ukulele without the need to transpose.

On the next page, you'll find a cheat sheet you can print out and keep in your practice area. It includes the notes of each of the four keys laid out on the fretboard along with standard notation and tablature.

As an exercise, you can write the sharps and flats on the staff where they belong as though they are accidentals.



Key of C



Key of G



Key of D



Key of F

Key of C

Musical notation for the Key of C. The top staff shows a melody in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff shows a guitar fretboard with a C major scale starting on the 4th fret. Fingering numbers (0-4) are written below the notes. A black square is placed on the 4th fret of the 1st string, indicating the root note.

■ = Root Note

Key of G

Musical notation for the Key of G. The top staff shows a melody in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff shows a guitar fretboard with a G major scale starting on the 3rd fret. Fingering numbers (0-4) are written below the notes. A black square is placed on the 3rd fret of the 1st string, indicating the root note.

Key of D

Musical notation for the Key of D. The top staff shows a melody in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff shows a guitar fretboard with a D major scale starting on the 2nd fret. Fingering numbers (0-4) are written below the notes. A black square is placed on the 2nd fret of the 1st string, indicating the root note.

Key of F

Musical notation for the Key of F. The top staff shows a melody in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff shows a guitar fretboard with an F major scale starting on the 1st fret. Fingering numbers (0-3) are written below the notes. A black square is placed on the 1st fret of the 1st string, indicating the root note.