



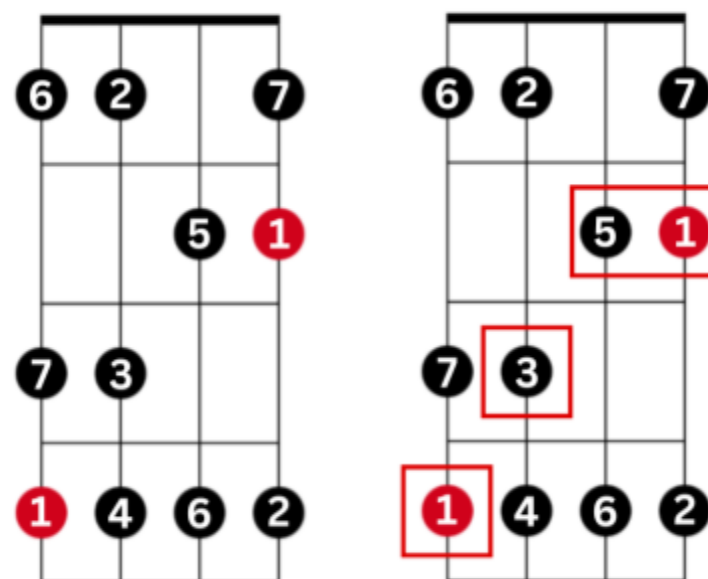
CAGED For Ukulele: The A Shape

The A major chord is less common for beginners on ukulele than the C or G shapes. When A chords appear in many beginner tunes, they're typically minor, but the A major chord is a powerhouse that you will use all of the time once you master it.

The CAGED system takes the unsung hero that is the A major chord and moves it around the fretboard, challenging you with a barre across the whole neck but giving you a powerful chord shape in return.

With a little practice, you'll be able to play **all** of the major chords with only one chord shape. **AND** you can modify it to make it minor or a maj7 or a sus4 or anything else you can think of.

All you have to do is memorize the underlying scale pattern on this page, and then you can start playing with adding different tones to your A shape chord. Many of the most common modifications appear on the next page, but there are still plenty more to learn and discover.



The A shape major chord (right) lives within the major scale shape (left) with roots on the G and A strings.

