

Recommended Links & Materials for New Ukulele Players

Equipment I Use:

- Clip-on electronic tuner: A good tuner is a necessity. The Fishman FT2 is hyper-accurate to within one cent and does not have any confusing 'extras' like violin or bass mode, etc..
- String Swing ukulele hanger. I have about 20 of these all around our house. A ukulele that is easily within reach is more likely to be played and a hanger keeps them from accidentally getting sat or stepped on. An alternative is an ukulele stand (though these require shelf or floor space).
- Travel Ukulele: If you need a ukulele you can keep in the car (not recommended for wood ukuleles), I suggest the Enya Carbon Fiber Travel Ukulele. It has a great 'set up' with an 'easy action' that makes it very comfortable for beginners to play. The carbon fiber composite is also very forgiving, long-lasting, and immune to the arid climate of Utah. It comes in soprano and concert sizes. I have 4 of these. They also are great to personalize with stickers and come with strap buttons already installed.

Links:

- UkulelePlay.com is my personal ukulele blog. It has lots of articles and free materials as well as links to my ukulele books and much more.
- 2-chord Camp Songs for Ukulele sing-alongs and tutorials. A free set of tutorials perfect for new players.
- MusicTheory.net offers fantastic free interactive tutorials that teach you all the basics of reading music, rhythm, understanding chords and more.