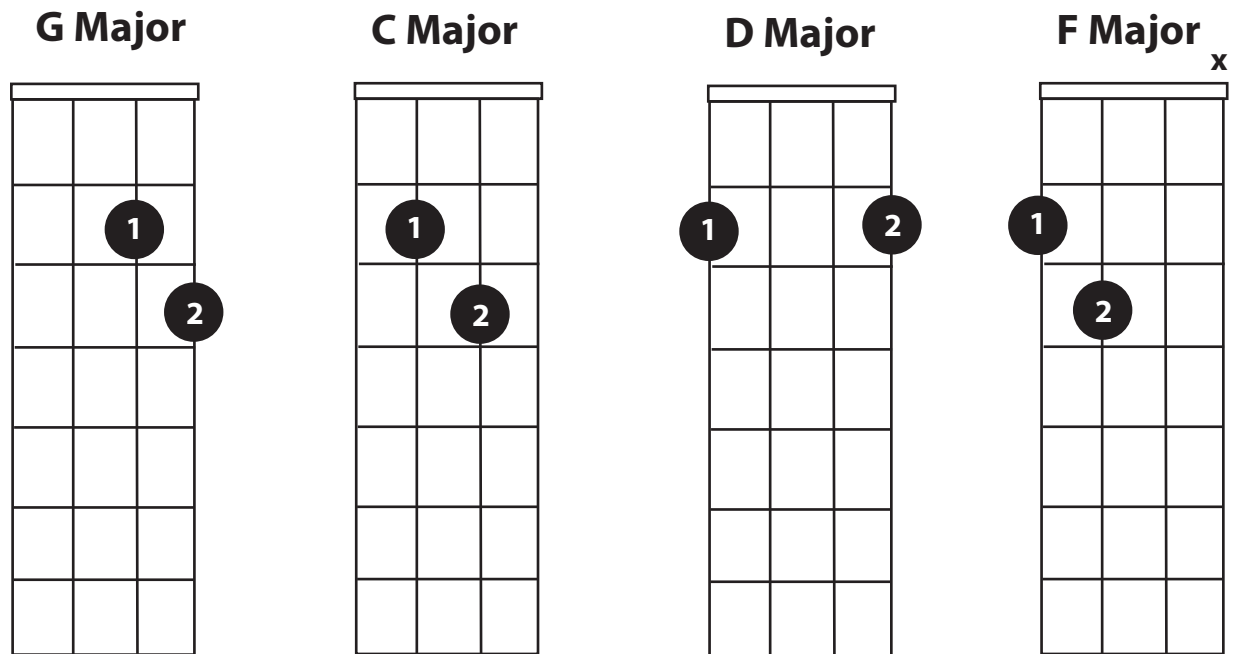


Chords Used In The “Beginner Mandolin Chords” Lesson

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Brad’s Tips for This Lesson:

- Be sure to use the tips of your fingers to depress the strings (unless playing barre chords) and if you are having trouble you might need to clip your nails nice and short.
- If your mandolin “action” is too high watch this free lesson and get somebody to fix it for you! Why suffer? Nearly all mandolins arrive from the factory with the strings waaaaay too high so just get someone to correct that and you’ll be much happier!
- Don’t spend long hours drilling on chords until your hand and arm muscles have built up some endurance. Definately stop if your fingers are sore or hurting. A few minutes a day will add up quickly and you’ll soon be able to chop away at a jam session for hours.
- Don’t feel ashamed if you are playing just three or four 2-finger chords while the “hot shots” are all jamming away with gigantic 4-finger chop chords. You can learn that too! Just scope out the lessons entitled “Basic Chop Chords” and my 2 Premium Downloads called “Moveable Major and Minor Chords” and “Barre Chords and 7th Chords” (By the way, even after thirty years I still play quite a few two finger chords when I think they are the best choice for the song. It’s not how many fingers you use--and certainly not how LOUD you play, that makes you “good.” It’s about playing tastefully, choosing the appropriate sounds for the moment, and staying on that path of continual learning.