



## Introducing the E Major Chord

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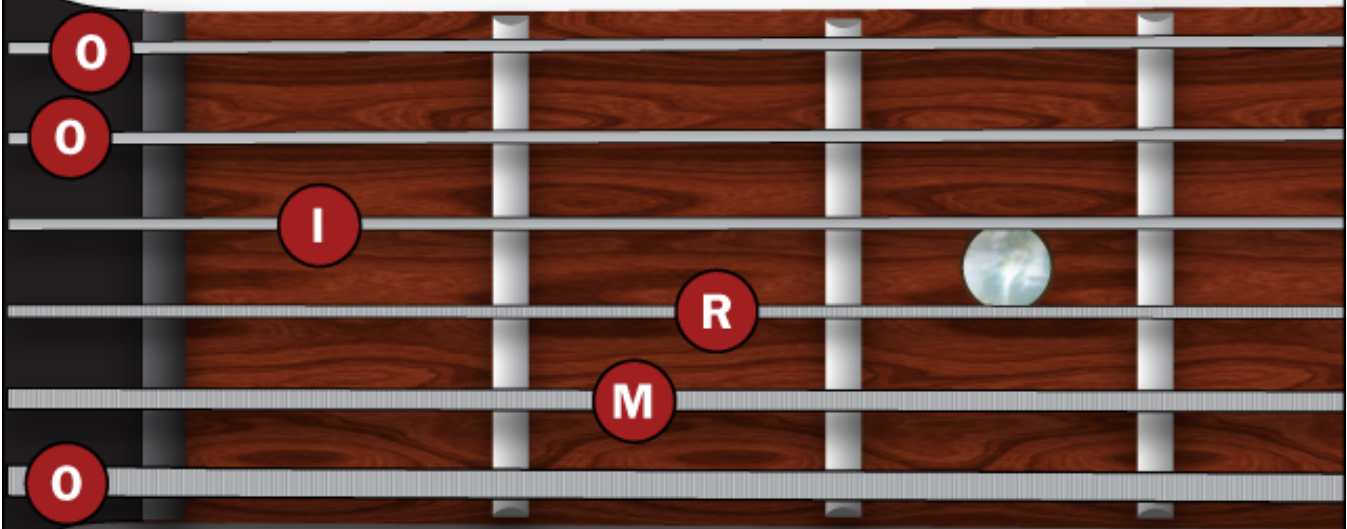
In this lesson we are going to play an E major chord. The same ideas about proper fingering apply to this chord shape also.

For the E major chord, place your index finger on the first fret of the G string. Then reach over the D string and place your middle finger on the second fret of the A string. Then place your ring finger on the second fret of the D string.

Remember that from the last knuckle of your finger to the fingertip your fingers should be arched so they are pointing straight down into the string & fretboard. Remember that your fingertip should be right behind the fret you are playing. Not on top of the fret. Remember to keep your fingers clear of strings around the one it is holding down. You don't want to mute strings that should be ringing clearly. Make sure your hand and fingers are "hovering" or "arched" slightly over any string that is supposed to make sound.

Strum the chord one string at a time very slowly to make sure that each note is sounding as clearly as possible. Then you can go ahead and strum the chord, lightly grazing the pick over each string quickly right after one another. Practice strumming a lot. It will come in handy. Once you can strum down, then try to strum back and forth.

**E Major Chord Shape**  
**“Open Position”**



**Finger Legend:**  
**I** = Index  
**M** = Middle  
**R** = Ring  
**P** = Pinky  
**O** = Open String



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The image displays musical notation for the E Major Chord. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a treble clef staff in 4/4 time, starting with a red '1' above the first measure. The melody consists of five notes: E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), and B4 (half). A red '2' is placed above the second measure of the second staff. The bottom staff is a guitar TAB staff with the letters 'T', 'A', and 'B' stacked vertically on the left. The fret numbers are: 0, 2, 2, 1, 0, 0 for the first measure, and 0, 0, 1, 2, 0 for the second measure.