

FINGER PICKING

Picking a rhythm can provide great variety to your playing, especially for gentler songs.

Here are a few really simple finger picking patterns, which will add variety to your playing. They involve playing one string at a time, rather than strumming across all at once.

T = Thumb F = Finger(s)

Pattern 1: Alternating thumb and finger (See-saw)

	Beat 1	Beat 2	Beat 3	Beat 4
String 1 (G)	T			
String 2 (C)			T	
String 3 (E)		F1		
String 4 (A)				F1

Pattern 2: Inside – Outside

	Beat 1	Beat 2	Beat 3	Beat 4
String 1 (G)			T	
String 2 (C)	T			
String 3 (E)		F1		
String 4 (A)				F1

Pattern 2: Travis Picking (Thumb, inside, outside, inside)

	Beat 1	Beat 2	Beat 3	Beat 4
String 1 (G)	T		T	
String 2 (C)		T		T
String 3 (E)				F1
String 4 (A)		F1	F1 or F2	F1

Pattern 3: Arpeggio

	Beat 1	Beat 2	Beat 3	Beat 4
String 1 (G)	T			
String 2 (C)		F1		
String 3 (E)			F2	
String 4 (A)				F3

Pattern 4: Arpeggio with reverse (for songs in 3:4 or 6:8)

	Beat 1	Beat 2	Beat 3	Beat 4	Beat 5	Beat 6
String 1 (G)	T					
String 2 (C)		F1				F1
String 3 (E)			F2		F2	
String 4 (A)				F3		

Pattern 5: 3-4 or Waltz time

	Beat 1	Beat 2	Beat 3	Beat 1	Beat 2	Beat 3
String 1 (G)	T			T		
String 2 (C)		F1	F1		F1	F1
String 3 (E)		F2	F2		F2	F2
String 4 (A)		F3	F3		F3	F3

Here's a good set of video tutorials on fingerpicking: [Avery Hill – Ukulele Studio: Fingerpicking for ukulele](#)