

How To:

Create a Ukulele Chord Chart

A Ukulele Chord Chart is a visual way ukulele players learn to play a song. Typically these charts contain chord diagrams along with the song words and identifiers for where chords should be strummed.

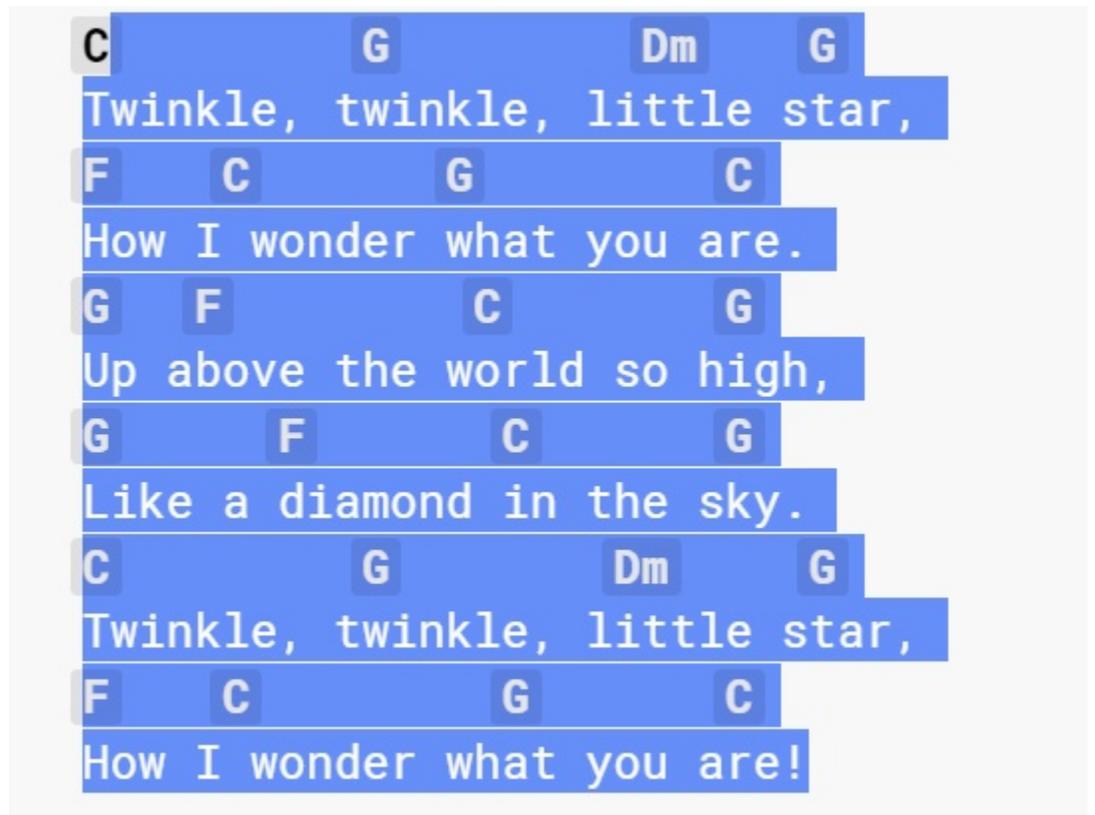
Below is a step-by-step process to create your own Ukulele Chord Chart for *Windows*. For this "How To" we will create a chord chart for the song, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star".

Step 1: Download and install the program "Ukulele Chart Maker" from: <https://www.myuke.ca/downloads.php>

You can download either the installer or portable version. The unregistered version will work fine for this "How To" but the registered version does offer more features.

Step 2: Visit the **Ultimate Guitar** (<https://www.ultimate-guitar.com>) website. In the SEARCH box at the top of the page enter "twinkle twinkle little star" and press Return. For this "How To" I have selected the Chord Type "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (ver 2)".

Step 3: Select the words and chords that you wish to be in your song and copy them to your Clipboard (Ctrl-C).



The image shows a screenshot of a ukulele chord chart for the song "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star". The chart is displayed on a light blue background with white text. The chords are indicated by letters in blue boxes above the lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in a staggered format to show the timing of the chords. The chords used are C, G, Dm, F, and C.

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C           G           Dm          G
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
F          C           G           C
How I wonder what you are.
G          F           C           G
Up above the world so high,
G          F           C           G
Like a diamond in the sky.
C           G           Dm          G
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
F          C           G           C
How I wonder what you are!
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Step 4: Visit the **Uke Geeks Tools** page (<http://www.ukegeeks.com/tools/>) and replace the text in the left-hand edit field by pasting (Ctrl-V) your copied text. Click the "Run Formater" button. The result should appear in the right-hand box similar to the image below. Select all the text in the right-hand edit field and copy to your Clipboard (Ctrl-C).

Your (hopefully) formatted song:

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Twinkle, [G]twinkle, l[Dm]ittle [G]star,  
[F]How I[C] wonder [G]what you a[C]re.  
[G]Up a[F]bove the w[C]orld so h[G]igh,  
[G]Like a [F]diamond [C]in the s[G]ky.  
[C]Twinkle, t[G]winkle, l[Dm]ittle s[G]tar,  
[F]How I[C] wonder wh[G]at you a[C]re!
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Step 5: Open the **Ukulele Chart Maker** program from **Step 1** and fill in the *Song Title* and *Artist*. Paste (Ctrl-V) your selected text from **Step 4** into the large edit box of **Ukulele Chart Maker**. Edit the pasted text so the words and chords appear in the correct position for playing. Once you're done editing, click the "Chords" button. The result should look similar to below.

The screenshot shows the Ukulele Chart Maker interface. At the top, there are two text input fields: "Song Title:" with the value "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and "Artist:" with the value "Children's Song". Below these is a "Chords" button, which is currently disabled. To the right of the "Chords" button, the text "C Dm F G" is displayed. Below the "Chords" button is a "Speed:" input field with the value "100". To the right of the "Speed" field are three buttons: "New", "Load", and "Save". Below these buttons are four radio button options: "OnTop" (checked), "Save PDF" (checked), "Letter" (selected), and "A4" (unselected). At the bottom of the interface is a large text area containing the formatted song text from Step 4, with chords in blue and exclamation marks in red.

Step 6: Click the "Create Chart" button in **Ukulele Chart Maker**. Congratulations! You've just created your first ukulele chart.