

# Beginner Guitar Lessons

with FadaBarto

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## Welcome!

Hello, I'm **FadaBarto**, and in this lesson, I'll guide you through the **basics of playing guitar**, especially if you're starting from scratch. You'll learn about the types of guitars, their parts, how strings work, and how to play your **first 3 chords: C Major, F Major, and G Major**. By the end, you'll be able to play simple songs like **"Take Glory Father"** using just these chords.

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## Types of Guitars

### 1. Acoustic Guitar

- Produces sound naturally.
- Can't be connected to an amplifier.
- Great for practice or small gatherings.

### 2. Electric Guitar

- Needs an amplifier to produce sound.
- Used in stage performance or band settings.

### 3. Semi-Acoustic Guitar

- A combination of both.
  - Can play like an acoustic guitar but also connect to an amp.
  - Ideal for beginners and performers.
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## Parts of the Guitar

- **Head** – Contains the tuners for adjusting string tension.
  - **Neck** – The long part where you press strings and find frets.
  - **Body** – Produces the sound; includes the sound hole or electronics.
  - **Strings** – There are 6 strings, numbered from bottom (thinnest) to top (thickest):  
**1st: E, 2nd: B, 3rd: G, 4th: D, 5th: A, 6th: E**
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## Understanding Frets & Strings

- **Frets**: Metal strips on the neck. Pressing a string behind a fret changes the sound (pitch).
- **String Notes** (from top to bottom):
  - 6th: E (thickest)
  - 5th: A
  - 4th: D

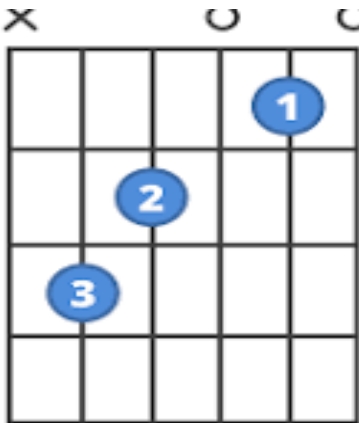
- 3rd: G
- 2nd: B
- 1st: E (thinnest)

## 👉 Playing Posture & Hand Use

- **Right-handed players:**
  - Right hand = Strumming
  - Left hand = Fretting/pressing strings
- **Fingers:**
  - Thumb (not numbered)
  - Index = Finger 1
  - Middle = Finger 2
  - Ring = Finger 3
  - Pinky = Finger 4
- **Tip:** Keep your fingers curved. Don't press with your nails, and try not to touch other strings.

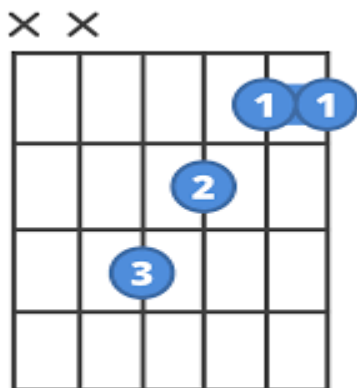
## 🎵 Your First 3 Chords

### 1 C Major Chord



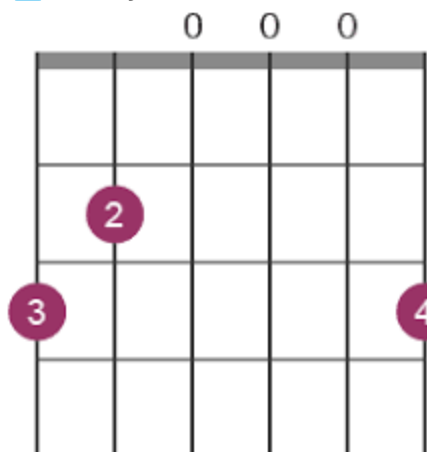
- Finger 1: 2nd string (B), 1st fret
- Finger 2: 4th string (D), 2nd fret
- Finger 3: 5th string (A), 3rd fret
- Do **not** play the 6th string
- Strings 1, 3 = open (played without pressing)

## 2 F Major Chord



- Finger 1: Press down strings 1 & 2 at 1st fret (barre)
- Finger 2: 3rd string (G), 2nd fret
- Finger 3: 4th string (D), 3rd fret
- Play from **4th string downward** (don't strum strings 5 and 6)

## 3 G Major Chord



- Finger 2: 5th string (A), 2nd fret
- Finger 3: 6th string (E), 3rd fret
- Finger 4: 1st string (E), 3rd fret
- Strings 2, 3, and 4 = open

## Practice Tips

- **Pain is normal** when you're just starting out. Your fingertips will toughen over time.
- **Avoid muted notes** by making sure your fingers don't touch neighboring strings.
- Keep the guitar **upright and flat** on your lap, not facing you.
- Use your **fingertips**, not the pads.

## Practice Song Example

You can already play simple songs like:

### “Take Glory Father”

Play: **C → F → G → C**

Take glory, Father...

Take glory, Son...

Take glory, Holy Ghost...

Now and forever more...

You’ve just used real chords to accompany singing!

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## Assignment


- Practice **C, F, and G** chords daily
  - Try switching between them smoothly
  - Leave a comment (if this is a YouTube lesson) with your progress or any difficulty
  - In the next lesson, we’ll explore **strumming patterns** and more songs!
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## Extra Resource

A **free chord chart** and **practice worksheet** are available in the YouTube video description. Download it and use it to memorize chord shapes.

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## Final Notes

 Subscribe to my channel @FadaBarto Music and turn on notifications  for future lessons.

 Practice daily—even 10 minutes makes a difference.

 If you're stuck, **ask questions in the comments**, and I’ll respond in the next video!

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With regards!

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