## Ultimate E Chord Exercises



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Key of the three exercises: A

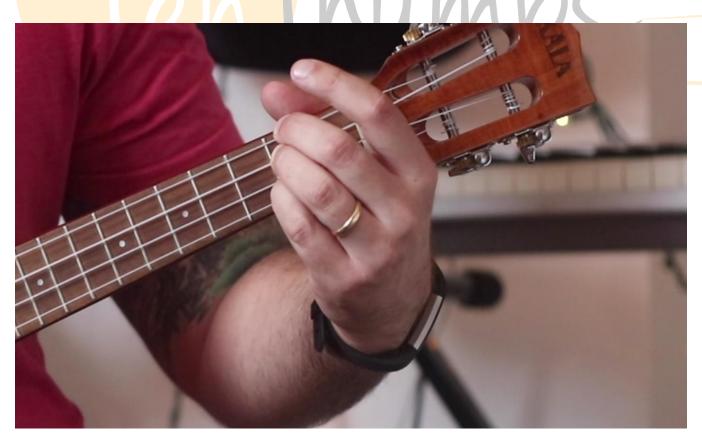
Tempo: Medium

Chords needed: A, D, E

Video Tutorial: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69LWLKXVVno

Before even starting to try and play an E chord you should have the D chord mastered. To do so you will need to play with your middle finger on the 2<sup>nd</sup> fret of the G string, followed by your ring finger on the 2<sup>nd</sup> fret of the C string and lastly your pinky on the second fret of the E string. Your index finger should not be part of the E chord.

## The D chord



After playing that chord smoothly with transition, chord progressions, strum patterns you are ready to move to the E. Take that D shape that you are so comfortable with and slide it up to  $4^{\rm th}$  fret. With your index finger free bring it back and place it on the  $2^{\rm nd}$  fret of A string. Make sure your hand is coming straight down.

## The E chord



You need to master this before you continue. Be able to play each string individually and clearly before you move on to the exercises.

Strum Pattern - This is the same strum pattern for all the exercises. It happens one time over each chord.

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & D D U U D U

Exercise 1 - Focus on the relationship between the shapes of the chords D E D E  $\,$ 

Exercise 2 - Again use the relationship between the shapes to switch smooth and easy.

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Exercise 3 - This is the first time you have to go from a chord that isn't the D to the E, take it nice and slow and still focus on the relationships between the two shapes to ensure a smooth change.

