

**The beginner's chord vocabulary**  
 Learning these fifteen chords should be your first job. The three E chords are probably the easiest with which to start: first, all six strings are played; second, once you can play E major, you need to remove only one finger to play E seventh or E minor. The C chords and the B seventh call for slightly more precise fingering if all the notes are to sound clearly. And to play the F chord, you must use your 1st finger to hold down two strings at once. This is a simple "barre" (see p. 82). Your thumb should be behind your 1st finger, providing pressure directly opposite the barre.

