Guitar Cowboy Chords

“Cowboy chords” are the most popular chords on guitar – they’re the ones you need to know when jamming around a campfire. They can be tricky, but the good news is if you learn these chords, you can play most popular songs!

PRACTICE TIPS

- When learning chords, put your fingers down one at a time, starting from the bottom of the diagram (thickest strings) and working your way towards the thinner strings. E.g. for E, start with your middle finger, then ring, then index (thick to thin strings).

- Play up on your fingertips, trying to avoid touching adjacent strings.

- Use the app Yousician to practice. It’ll help you learn each new chord with video tutorials, give you great songs to practice, and let you build skills at your own pace.

[Chord diagrams for E, Em, Am, C, G, D, A, F, Dm]