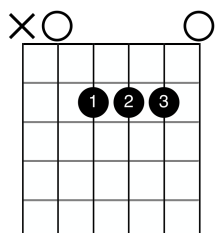


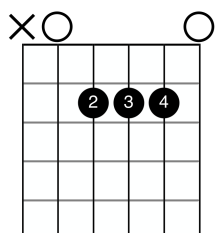
Five Ways to Play an A Chord

A lot of beginning guitar players find the **A Major** chord to be uncomfortable. Fortunately, there's more than one way to play it. If you're having difficulties, try some other fingerings.



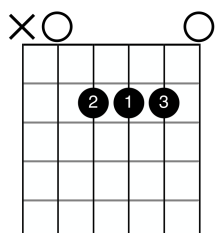
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This is a common fingering for the A Major chord. The biggest plus is that it's an easy fingering to remember – 123. The major disadvantage is that it can be hard to squeeze all three fingers into that space.



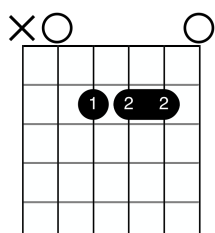
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Here's another easy fingering to remember – 234, and you might find it easier to fit all three fingers. If you have large fingers, you might still have problems with this fingering.



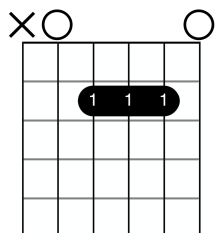
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This is the fingering I use the most. It takes longer to learn the fingering, but your fingers will fit into that space more easily, and you'll be able to place each finger closer to the fret for better tone quality.



122

Lay your 2nd finger over strings 2 and 3, and then lay your 1st finger over your second finger to play the 4th string. With this fingering, it's easy to accidentally mute the 1st string, but for this chord, the 1st string isn't absolutely necessary.



111

I use this fingering fairly often as well. There's certainly no probably getting all the fingers to fit in that 2nd fret, because there's only one finger. It's easy to accidentally mute the 1st string, but again, that 1st string note isn't absolutely necessary.