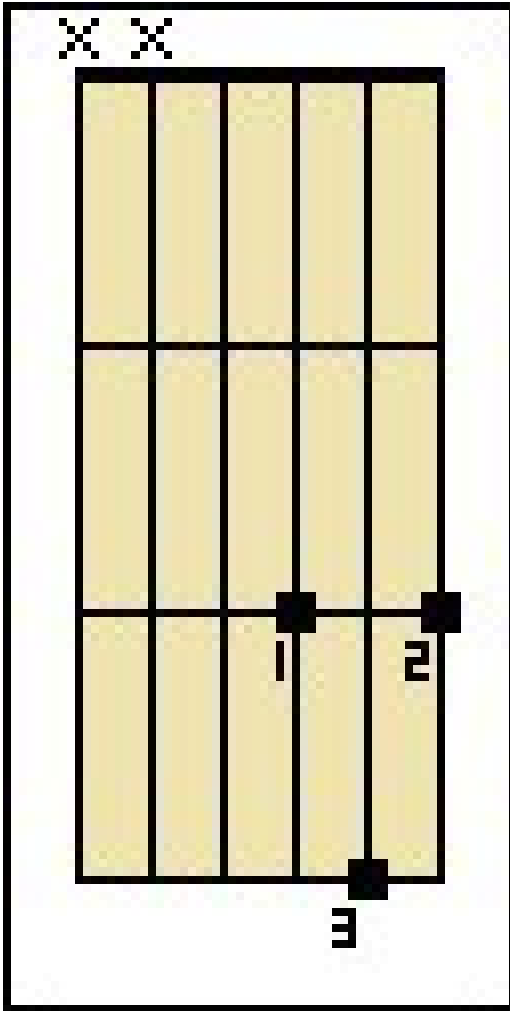


How To Hold Down A D Major Chord



- * Start by putting your thumb just after the 2nd fret. Bend your wrist only slightly.
- * Now put your 1st finger on the 3rd string (the 3rd thinnest), 2nd fret, slightly away from the fret.
- * Then put your 3rd finger on the 3rd fret of the next string.
- * Now put your 2nd finger on the top string, 2nd fret.

As you can see it forms a V shape. This is a good way to remember it.



For this chord the top three strings are fretted, and the next one is left open. But you need to strum all 4 of them.

If you accidentally strum the A string, it's no big deal as it is actually part of the chord. But most people don't like the sound of it, so they avoid it. I guess it's up to you if you want to include it, but for now, just strum the top 4 strings.

When you get better you can damp the two bottom strings if you like by curling your thumb over the neck and gently touching them. This is to stop them ringing out if you accidentally strum them.