

Wheels on the Bus

Beginner Version AND Beginner Fingerstyle



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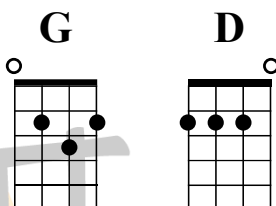
Keys: G

Harmony: G, D

BPM: 120

Video Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXncOXeGUia>

Chord Shapes:



Step 1: Outline the Chord Progression Strum Pattern:

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
G | G | D | G |
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
G | G | D | G |

Step 2: Apply this progression to the key words

G G
The **wheels** on the bus go **round** and round,
D G
round and round, **round** and round the
G G
the **wheels** on the bus go **round** and round
D G
all through the **town** the

- Simply strum down every four beats
- If singing is hard start with hummin first
- We are just trying to match the words to the chord

Step 3: Adding a strum pattern to the chord progression

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
G | **G** | **D** | **G** |
 D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U |

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & | 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
G | **G** | **D** | **G** |
 D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U | D D U D D U |

- If the up is too much you can just do down strums

Got it down? Want to take it further? Intro to chord melody

Step 4: Learning the melody

The musical notation shows the melody for 'The Wheels on the Bus' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'The wheels on the bus go round n round, round n round, round n round the wheels on the bus go round n round all through the town the town'. The guitar tab below the staff shows fret numbers for each string (T, A, B from top to bottom) and strumming patterns. A large watermark 'TutorialsPoint.com' is overlaid on the image.

- Tabs are a number system, each number corresponds with that fret from that string
- The highest string is the open A, so from top to bottom it reads
 - A
 - E
 - C
 - G
- The 1-3 mean you would play that measure the first 3 times through
- The 4 means that is what you play instead of the 1-3 the 4th time through the song

Now let's add some harmony.

The musical notation shows two systems of music. The first system covers measures 11 to 15, and the second system covers measures 16 to 20. Each system includes a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a guitar chord diagram below it. The lyrics are written under the notes. The chords are G, D, and G. The fret numbers are indicated by numbers on the strings.

System 1 (Measures 11-15):

- Measure 11: G chord (0, 2, 3, 3, 2, 0). Lyrics: The wheels on the bus go round n round.
- Measure 12: G chord (0, 2, 3, 3, 2, 0). Lyrics: round n round, round n round, round n round the
- Measure 13: G chord (0, 2, 3, 3, 2, 0). Lyrics: round n round, round n round, round n round the
- Measure 14: D chord (0, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2). Lyrics: round n round, round n round, round n round the
- Measure 15: G chord (0, 2, 3, 3, 2, 0). Lyrics: round n round, round n round, round n round the

System 2 (Measures 16-20):

- Measure 16: G chord (0, 2, 3, 3, 2, 0). Lyrics: wheels on the bus go round n round
- Measure 17: G chord (0, 2, 3, 3, 2, 0). Lyrics: round n round, round n round, round n round
- Measure 18: D chord (0, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2). Lyrics: all through the town round the town
- Measure 19: G chord (0, 2, 3, 3, 2, 0). Lyrics: round the town, round the town, round the town
- Measure 20: G chord (0, 2, 3, 3, 2, 0). Lyrics: round the town, round the town, round the town

- How you harmonize the song is up to you, meaning that you can do it a lot of different ways, this is just one.
- On the first beat of the first measure of G you will see you strum the G chord up to the E string, the 3rd fret of the E string is the melody and you ear hears the highest frequency as the melody note, that is why we didn't strum the A string
- On the 4th beat the melody is the 2nd fret of the A string, that is why we strummed all 4 strings there
- When you see the chord above that measure that means the harmony of that measure is that chord, so you can add that chord any time you want to in that measure, here we were mostly doing it on the 1st beat, but you can do it on the 2nd beat, 3rd, or all of them.
- Over the 1st beat of the 2nd measure the melody is the 5th note, so you can see that it is just a normal G chord but it also adds the 5th fret of the A string on top of it.
- Feel free to reharmonize it, adding extra G chord to it.
- Also try new chord melody tutorials, we have around 100 of them, so you can also see different songs harmonize the melody differently.