

## **FINGER GROUPS**

Most of the chords that we are going to learn can be broken down into finger groups.

A finger group is a pattern or shape that two or more fingers can make.

Think of these finger groups as the foundations for the chords. Once you have the foundation on then all you have to do is add one or sometimes two more fingers. So the seven major chords you have to learn are based on two finger groups which will make the chords easier to learn and also easier to

move.

The first two finger groups we look at use fingers 2 and 3 - your two middle fingers.

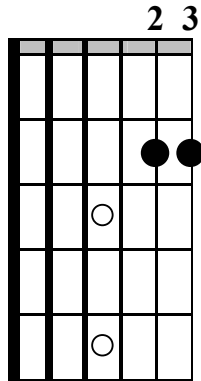
These finger groups will keep their same shape no matter what chord they are used in.

The finger groups though will be on different strings for each different chord.

**Remember both finger groups use your two middle fingers.**

**Straight Finger Group of Fingers 2 and 3.**

The first finger group has fingers 2 and 3 in the same fret on two strings right beside each other,



as you will see in the chords A, B and E.

**Finger 3 is CLOSEST to the FLOOR.**

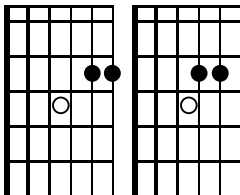
Exercise 1. Here you will be moving the finger groups across the guitar to the strings right beside where you were.

The aim is to get your fingers moving in the right manner.

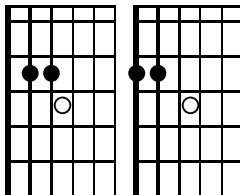
Keep your fingers together as a group when you lift them off and when you put them down. Don't worry about the sound of this exercise as some of the note combinations sound a little off. You must still try to get a clean sound though.

Practice as often as you need to perfect moving the finger groups as they are the basis of all the major chords and when you have control over the finger groups then you will find it easier to have control over the major chords.

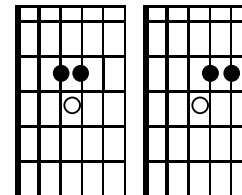
START ON THE HIGH STRINGS



MOVE TO THE LOW STRINGS



BACK TO THE HIGH STRINGS



1. 4 STRUMS – **STOP! Check and Think** – PICK UP AND PUT DOWN TOGETHER.

2. 4 STRUMS – **NO STOP** – PICK UP AND PUT DOWN TOGETHER.

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