

BASIC CHORDS for Dulcimer for D-A-D tuning

Chords	D	G	A	Bm	Em	C
D	0 2	0 3	1	2 0	1 1	3 0
A	0 or 0	1 or 1	0	1 or 1	1 1	4 or 4
d	2 0	3 0	1	0 2	1 3	6 6

D-A-D tuning: the "middle" chords

Chords	D	D7	G	A	A7	Am	C
D	2 4 0	6 0	3 5 0	1 4	3 4	4	3 6
A	3 or 3 5	5 or 5	3 or 3 6	2 4	2 6	4	4 6
d	4 2 4	0 6	5 3 5	4 6+	4 6+	6	6 6

Chords	Bm	Em	E7	F#m
D	2 0	3	0	2 2
A	3 5	4	6+	2 2
d	5 5	5	5	2 4

TIP: Cut out the above chord charts and place on your dulcimer when practicing or learning chords

How to read dulcimer chords:

Example --

D "middle" Chord

2 > top number = bass string on 2nd fret

3 > middle number = middle string on 3rd fret

4 > bottom number = melody string on 4th fret

Try this D chord using these fingers...

2 > middle finger on the bass string on the 2nd fret

3 > index finger on the middle string on the 3rd fret

4 > thumb finger on the melody string on the 4th fret

> Keep all fingers firmly down on all the strings at one time but not touching the fret markers (bars), then strum across all strings. If you strum and it sounds funny or doesn't make a sound, then try these 3 solutions: 1) make sure your fingers are not touching the fret markers; 2) either put more pressure on the strings when you fret OR 3) you may need to lessen the pressure on the strings when you fret