

## JUST 4 UKE - INFO SHEET ([MusicPlusComedy.com/uke-stuff](http://MusicPlusComedy.com/uke-stuff))

### 4 MAIN UKULELE SIZES (from smallest to largest, with typical lengths)

- soprano (21.0" length) • concert (24.0") • tenor (26.5") • baritone (30")
- tunings: usually gCEA (high g) or GCEA (low G), except DGBE (low D) dGBE (high d) for baritone

### CHOOSING A SIZE

The overall size affects how it feels to hold the ukulele, the ukulele's sound, and the fret spacing.

### COST OF A NEW UKULELE

- \$45+ (laminated wood or plastic) • \$125+ (solid wood top) • \$160+ (all solid wood)
- plus: clip-on tuner (\$15 & up), gig bag or hard case (\$50+), humidifier (for solid wood ukes); a hard case is usually better when humidifying a solid-wood uke

### WHERE TO FIND YOUR UKULELE (with advantages of each)

**Borrowing from a Library:** Some local libraries lend ukuleles, so you can try one at no cost.

#### Buying from a local store (advantages):

- you can try out ukuleles in person (but bring, borrow or buy a clip-on tuner)
- it should be simpler to make a return (but check the store policy)
- you are supporting a local business
- you can bring an experienced ukulele player with you to help you in your purchase

#### Buying online (advantages):

- usually there is more selection - brands, price range, types
- there might be reliable (not falsified) sound samples - [TheUkuleleSite.com](http://TheUkuleleSite.com) has reliable ones.
- a set-up (which makes the uke easier to play) and inspection usually is available (see below)
- people who work at the online stores listed below understand and appreciate ukuleles

#### Suggested online stores - each one sets up ukuleles (inspects & makes needed adjustments):

\*[TheUkuleleSite.com](http://TheUkuleleSite.com) - Ukes can cost more, due to being located in Hawaii; they set up ukuleles \$399-and-up for free, and for \$20 or \$30 otherwise. Shipping is free with orders \$500 and up.

[AlohaCityUkes.com](http://AlohaCityUkes.com) - low-cost ukes include Ohana & Kala brands; free shipping with \$150+ order

[PennyLaneEmporium.com](http://PennyLaneEmporium.com) - also has Ohana, Kala, and other brands; free shipping on \$100+ order.

\*[Uke-Fan.com](http://Uke-Fan.com) - email [fanguitarandukulele@gmail.com](mailto:fanguitarandukulele@gmail.com) or call (804) 254-4600 for inventory beyond what is on their site. Purchase includes a set-up, and shipping is free with an order over \$200.

\* means I have bought ukuleles from this seller

**Recommended Online/Local:** [MagicFluke.com](http://MagicFluke.com) (or visit them in Sheffield, MA) sells sturdy ukes that are fun to play and have an authentic ukulele sound - made locally, plus great customer service.

**Recommended starter ukuleles:** Ohana or Kala (among other brands) offer a range of ukuleles sizes, types, and prices. Other, sometimes less-expensive options include a soprano or concert size Enya Nova U or Flight (available online).

**Learning sites:** [UkeBuddy.com](http://UkeBuddy.com) (chord diagrams/names, tuner) • [Ultimate-Guitar.com](http://Ultimate-Guitar.com) (song chord names & lyrics) • [transposr.com](http://transposr.com) or [getsongkey.com/tools/transposer](http://getsongkey.com/tools/transposer) (change song key/chords)

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