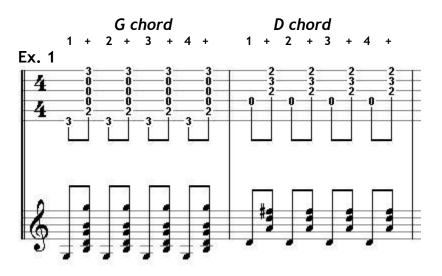
Country Strumming & Walking

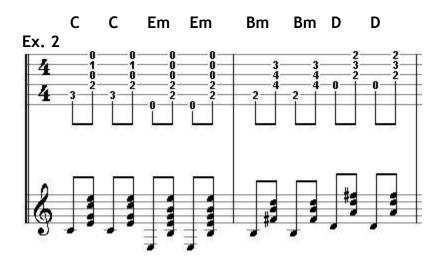
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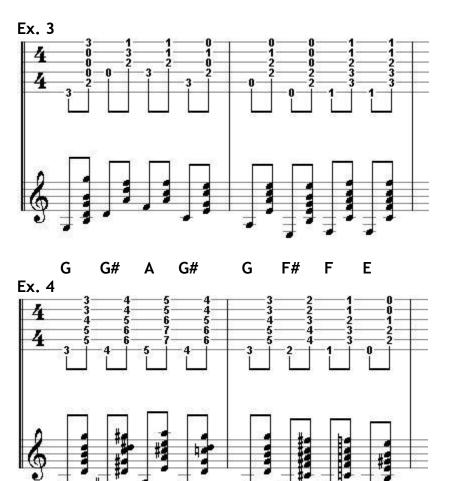
Country strumming is a style that is most apparent in country, bluegrass, and folk music, although the concept is widely used in blues, jazz, and rock. The effect of country strumming is that of a bass drum and a snare drum - BOOM CHICK BOOM CHICK - played as 8th notes.

We are down strumming & down picking everything. No up strumming!

We break each beat into two pieces. The first piece is the lowest note in the chord (the 1, 2, 3, or 4.) The second piece is the rest of the notes in the chord (the *ands* +.)







Walking Into Chords

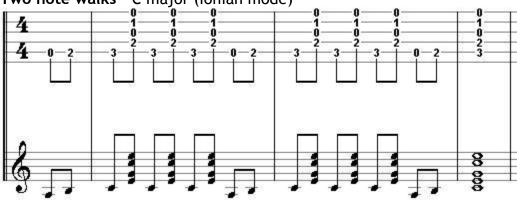
When walking into chords, we play the two, three or four notes (in the scale/mode of the song) that land us directly on the note of the chord that is coming up next. Walks are usually played on the bass notes/strings. Walks can be ascending or descending. Walks are played a few beats before the chord is strummed.

If the chord is played on beat 1, then a two note walk will be played on beats 4 and + of the previous measure. A three note walk will be played on beats + 4 + of the previous measure. A four note walk will be played on beats 3 + 4 + of the previous measure. It is critical that the notes are from the mode of the song and that the rhythm is perfectly timed to land on the first beat of the chord that we are walking into.

It may be helpful to brush up on the modes to be certain that you are playing the correct notes when creating your own walks. However, we may choose to use chromatic walks

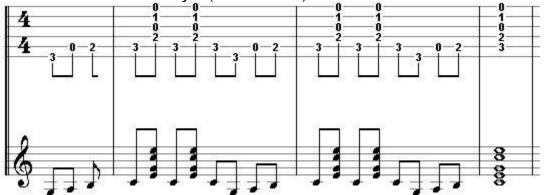
(one fret at a time) for certain chords. A combination of chromatic walks and modal walks make for a lively song!

In addition to our walks, we will be using country strumming whenever we are maintaining a chord. This gives a full effect on the music, the BOOM CHICK aspect of the drummer, the walking bass line, and the guitar chords. You have become a full band!



Two note walks - C major (Ionian mode)

Three note walks - C major (Ionian mode)



Four note walks - C major (Ionian mode)

