

# Octaves

## STARTING FROM THE 6th STRING

Diagram illustrating an octave on the 6th string, starting from fret 1 and moving up to fret 12. Below the diagram are two chord shapes: E Shape and Em Shape.

## STARTING FROM THE 5th STRING

Diagram illustrating an octave on the 5th string, starting from fret 1 and moving up to fret 10. Below the diagram are two chord shapes: A Shape and Am Shape.

## STARTING FROM THE 4th STRING

Diagram illustrating an octave on the 4th string, starting from fret 1 and moving up to fret 10. Below the diagram are two chord shapes: D Shape and Dm Shape.

## STARTING FROM THE 3rd STRING

Diagram illustrating an octave on the 3rd string, starting from fret 1 and moving up to fret 12. Below the diagram are two chord shapes: G Shape and Gm Shape.

## STARTING FROM THE 2nd STRING

Diagram illustrating an octave on the 2nd string, starting from fret 1 and moving up to fret 12. Below the diagram are two chord shapes: C Shape and Cm Shape.

## STARTING FROM THE 1st STRING

Diagram illustrating an octave on the 1st string, starting from fret 1 and moving up to fret 12. Below the diagram are two chord shapes: E Shape and Em Shape.

An octave is the eighth note of a diatonic scale (any Major or Minor scale). Using octaves is a quick and easy way to learn all the notes on the fret board. Since there is only twelve different notes in our chromatic scale and on a normal 22 fret guitar there are 132 different frets we can play over the six strings, this would mean that we have a lot of notes that are repeated. You should know all the notes on your sixth and fifth strings by now (because of your bar chords). Although the other four strings may still be a mystery. How you can work out the notes on the fourth string is by taking the note from the fourth string up an octave, this will take you to a note on the sixth string. Since you already know the note on the sixth string you now know what the note is on the fourth. Repeat this process with your third and second string. You don't have to work out the first "E" string because it is the same as you sixth "E" string.

