Ukulele Strum Patterns

1. All downbeats – Single strum

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D	

2.Downbeats and upbeats – Double strum

1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U

3. One measure downbeats, one measure up and downbeats

1		2		3		4		1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1		2		3		4		1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
D		D		D		D		D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D		D		D		D		D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U

4.Split the measure

1		2		3	+	4	+	1		2		3	+	4	+	1		2		3	+	4	+	1		2		3	+	4	+
D		D		D	U	D	U	D		D		D	U	D	U	D		D		D	U	D	U	D		D		D	U	D	U

5. Emphasize the 1 downbeat

1		2	+	3	+	4	+	1		2	+	3	+	4	+	1		2	+	3	+	4	+	1		2	+	3	+	4	+
D		d	u	d	u	d	u	D		d	u	d	u	d	u	D		d	u	d	u	d	u	D		d	u	d	u	d	u

6. Emphasize the 2 downbeat

1	+	2		3	+	4	+	1	+	2		3	+	4	+	1	+	2		3	+	4	+	1	+	2		3	+	4	+
d	u	D		d	u	d	u	d	u	D		d	u	d	u	d	u	D		d	u	d	u	d	u	D		d	u	d	u

7. Latin strum

1		2	+		+	4	+	1		2	+		+	4	+	1		2	+		+	4	+	1		2	+		+	4	+
D		D	u		u	d	u	D		D	u		u	d	u	D		D	u		u	d	u	D		D	u		u	d	u

8. Variation on #7 – syncopated strum

1		2	+		+	4		1		2	+		+	4		1		2	+		+	4		1		2	+		+	4	
D		D	u		u	d		D		D	u		u	d		D		D	u		u	d		D		D	u		u	d	

9. Another variation on #7

1	+	2	+		+	4	+	1	+	2	+		+	4	+	1	+	2	+		+	4	+	1	+	2	+		+	4	+
D	u	d	u		u	d	u	D	u	d	u		u	d	u	D	u	d	u		u	d	u	D	u	d	u		u	d	u

10. Country strum

1		2	+	3		4	+	1		2	+	3		4	+	1		2	+	3		4	+	1		2	+	3		4	+
D		D	U	D		D	U	D		D	U	D		D	U	D		D	U	D		D	U	D		D	U	D		D	U

11. Offbeat single strum

	+		+		+		+		+		+		+		+		+		+		+		+		+		+		+		+
	U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U

12. Offbeat single strum - variation

1	+		+		+		+	1	+		+		+		+	1	+		+		+		+	1	+		+		+		+
D	U		U		U		U	D	U		U		U		U	D	U		U		U		U	D	U		U		U		U

13. Bo Diddley strum – 2 measures

1			+	3		4				2		3				1			+	3		4				2		3			
D			U	D		D				D		D				D			U	D		D				D		D			

14. Brazillian strum – 2 measures

1		2		3	+		+		+		+	3		4		1		2		3	+		+		+		+	3		4	
D		D		D	U		U		U		U	D		D		D		D		D	U		U		U		U	D		D	

16. Make your own.