



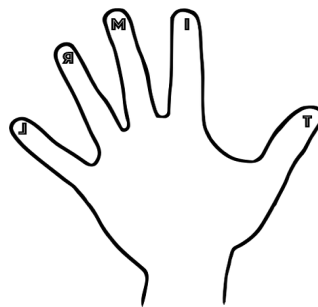
CAGE - FINGER PICKING PATTERN

The CAGE finger picking pattern is so called because it simply picks out the notes of the open strings to spell the word CAGE.

To pluck the strings, as a general rule of thumb, your actual thumb should alternate plucking between the G & C strings, starting on the C string. Your index finger will pluck the E string, and your middle finger will pluck the A string.

Get into the habit of using these fingers to pluck these dedicated strings and you will eventually be able to play tonnes of fun and more advanced picking patterns.

T	= Thumb
I	= Index
M	= Middle
R	= Ring
L	= Little



Practice the pattern playing the open strings on each beat like this and repeat as many times as you can before attempting to add chords in:

C A G E

T M T I

Now try using exactly the same picking pattern but add the following chords:

c

A E C G

G7

A E C G

The numbers on the lines represent the chords written out as tab. More on that next.