

The Original *HonuPicks*



HonuPicks are a **Patent Pending** solution for **finger smooth strumming!** Finger strumming gives the smooth island feel and sound, but for many people the finger is painful or difficult to use. Long finger nails, arthritis, neuropathy, sensitive skin, or just not getting the hang of it can be the problem! Attempts to achieve finger smooth strumming with picks have been unsuccessful. They have been made of leather and felt, but being flat is what causes "pick slap", which does not sound finger smooth! I was unsatisfied, realized the problem, and fixed it!

HonuPicks are **unique 3-dimensional picks made by hand, from handpicked top quality, veggie tanned leather hides.** Each uses 2-3X the amount of leather of a typical pick, are hand stamped, hand shaped, hand glued, hand clamped and hand finished...Made in the USA! Hence, the price reflects the quality, durability, and unique features that no other pick can provide. The 3-dimensional design provides lasting structural stability and can increase volume unlike flat leather picks that can get floppy and reduce volume.

Typical picks, slap or pluck the strings while strumming but *HonuPicks* "push" the strings, just like finger tips, while strumming. The convex striking surface eliminates the pick slapping noise as the string slips off a curved surface not a flat edge! Designed particularly for the Ukulele, the striking edge even resembles a fingertip! They also are ergonomically design inspired by the shape of the Honu ... sea turtle of Hawaii, hence the name *HonuPicks*! The curved, elongated design allows the stress of gripping and strumming typically felt in the thumb and forefinger to be distributed comfortably throughout the hand. You can actually strum with a loose grip, playing finger smooth, and not drop the pick.

HonuPicks are the **only inter-active pick!** All *HonuPicks* will eliminate pick slap and produce sound like the fingertip but can be "conditioned" by massage, or just usage, to get softer and smoother tones to your preference. Just grip behind the Honu head with one hand and massage it's nose into the palm of your other hand. You can also re-stiffen *HonuPicks* by soaking in water for a few seconds and letting dry in the event you condition them softer than you prefer! As they are made from natural leather, there will be variations in color, stiffness, and texture and will each develop their own playing personality. After you try one, you will want to buy others as you will find that each develop different tonal qualities, though all finger smooth, that will highlight different sets of strings, instruments, or genre of music.