

Fretting is Fundamental

When Fretting,

1. Place fret finger directly behind fret, but do not touch fret.
2. Use tips of fingers to fret single notes.
3. Make sure thumb of fretting hand is in center of the back of the neck (or near center). Don't throw thumb over top of neck, this will cause tips of fingers to fall and mute other strings.
4. Sometimes, you just need to press harder.

Common problems for beginners (so don't do this)

- fretting too far behind fret causes buzzing noise
- fretting on fret deadens sound or buzzes
- when fretting fingers touch unnecessary strings (i.e. strings that should be open) it causes strings to sound muted. Fret one finger per string unless you mean to “barre”. (this is the most common problem)
- Thumb not in back center of neck. Don't cradle your hand around back and do not throw thumb over the top of the neck. :)