



CHORDS IN A KEY



C	C# Db	D	D# Eb	E	F	F# Gb	G	G# Ab	A	A# Bb	B
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MAJOR KEY	INTERVAL	TONE	TONE	SEMITONE	TONE	TONE	TONE	SEMITONE
	FRETS	2	2	1	2	2	2	1

WE WORK OUT OUR EXAMPLE KEY OF C USING THE INTERVALS ABOVE:

EXAMPLE KEY	ROOT	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	OCTAVE
	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C

LET'S FILL IN THE "ROOT" LINE WITH THE NOTES OF OUR EXAMPLE KEY:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ROOT	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C

WE GET OUR "3rd" LINE BY GOING THROUGH THE NOTES FROM E TO E:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ROOT	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C
3RD	E	F	G	A	B	C	D	E

WE GET OUR "5th" LINE BY GOING THROUGH THE NOTES FROM G TO G:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ROOT	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C
3RD	E	F	G	A	B	C	D	E
5TH	G	A	B	C	D	E	F	G

WE NOW HAVE THE FOLLOWING CHORDS IN A KEY:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ROOT	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C
3RD	E	F	G	A	B	C	D	E
5TH	G	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
CHORD TYPE	C	Dm	Em	F	G	Am	Bdim	C