



Crucial Chord Knowledge

In this video we are going to learn what we need to know right now about how to make any major and minor chord. This PDF is meant to be a quick reference after watching the video. It is not meant to replace it.

1. How to make any MAJOR chord is as simple as finding 3 things.

a. Root, Major Third, and a Fifth

THE ROOT: of any chord we know as the actual key of that chord. So if we want to find the root of the C chord, we simply start at the C key.

FINDING THE MAJOR THIRD: Go 4 half steps up from the root and that is the major third. For example E is the major third of the C Chord, it lies 4 half steps above the root C.

FINDING THE FIFTH: Go 3 half steps up from the major third. So in this example we will go up from the E 3 half steps which lands us on the G key. So C,E,G makes up the C major Chord.

2. How to make any MINOR chord is as simple as finding 3 things

a. Root, Minor Third, and a Fifth

SIMPLE TRICK: to make a major chord a minor chord, take the major third a half step down - that's it!!!

Sounds "darker"

There is no reason to make it any harder than it needs to be. Just take your major third down a half step to find your minor third and complete the minor chord.