

# DIATONIC CHORD SEQUENCES

## CHEAT SHEET

BASSBUZZ

"Diatonic chord sequence"... sounds pretty boring, right?

How about "magical formula to easily create good-sounding songs"? Sound better?

Well, they're the same thing. "Diatonic" just means "within the scale." So by using chords made out of notes all from the same scale, you can come up with progressions that naturally "work" without needing a ton of theory or experience.

Here are those magical chords, written out as tenths in every (major) key for you. If you have less than 24 frets on your bass, you may run out of frets on some of these. Just take the offending chords down an octave (down 12 frets) and you'll be golden.

<b>C Major</b>								<b>F Major</b>							
C	Dm	Em	F	G	Am	B <sup>o</sup>	C	F	Gm	Am	B <sup>b</sup>	C	Dm	E <sup>o</sup>	F
9 10 12 14   16 17 19 21								2 3 5 7   9 10 12 14							
A 8 10 12 13   15 17 19 20								B 1 3 5 6   8 10 12 13							
<b>Bb Major</b>								<b>Eb Major</b>							
B <sup>b</sup>	Cm	Dm	E <sup>b</sup>	F	Gm	A <sup>o</sup>	B <sup>b</sup>	E <sup>b</sup>	Fm	Gm	A <sup>b</sup>	B <sup>b</sup>	Cm	D <sup>o</sup>	E <sup>b</sup>
7 8 10 12   14 15 17 19								12 13 15 17   19 20 22 24							
A 6 8 10 11   13 15 17 18								B 11 13 15 16   18 20 22 23							

**Ab Major**

Ab Bbm Cm Db Eb Fm G° Ab

Musical notation for Ab Major scale in bass clef. The scale is shown in two octaves. Chord diagrams are provided for each note. Fret numbers are listed below the staff.

Fret	5	6	8	10	12	13	15	17
String A								
String B	4	6	8	9	11	13	15	16

**Db Major**

Db Ebm Fm Gb Ab Bbm C° Db

Musical notation for Db Major scale in bass clef. The scale is shown in two octaves. Chord diagrams are provided for each note. Fret numbers are listed below the staff.

Fret	10	11	13	15	17	18	20	22
String A								
String B	9	11	13	14	16	18	20	21

**Gb Major**

Gb Abm Bbm Cb Db Ebm F° Gb

Musical notation for Gb Major scale in bass clef. The scale is shown in two octaves. Chord diagrams are provided for each note. Fret numbers are listed below the staff.

Fret	3	4	6	8	10	11	13	15
String A								
String B	2	4	6	7	9	11	13	14

**F# Major**

F# G#m A#m B C# D#m E#° F#

Musical notation for F# Major scale in bass clef. The scale is shown in two octaves. Chord diagrams are provided for each note. Fret numbers are listed below the staff.

Fret	3	4	6	8	10	11	13	15
String A								
String B	2	4	6	7	9	11	13	14

**B Major**

B C#m D#m E F# G#m A#° B

Musical notation for B Major scale in bass clef. The scale is shown in two octaves. Chord diagrams are provided for each note. Fret numbers are listed below the staff.

Fret	8	9	11	13	15	16	18	20
String A								
String B	7	9	11	12	14	16	18	19

**E Major**

E F#m G#m A B C#m D#° E

Musical notation for E Major scale in bass clef. The scale is shown in two octaves. Chord diagrams are provided for each note. Fret numbers are listed below the staff.

Fret	1	2	4	6	8	9	11	13
String A								
String B	0	2	4	5	7	9	11	12

**A Major**

A Bm C#m D E F#m G#° A

Musical notation for A Major scale in bass clef. The scale is shown in two octaves. Chord diagrams are provided for each note. Fret numbers are listed below the staff.

Fret	6	7	9	11	13	14	16	18
String A								
String B	5	7	9	10	12	14	16	17

**D Major**

D Em F#m G A Bm C#° D

Musical notation for D Major scale in bass clef. The scale is shown in two octaves. Chord diagrams are provided for each note. Fret numbers are listed below the staff.

Fret	11	12	14	16	18	19	21	23
String A								
String B	10	12	14	15	17	19	21	22

**G Major**

G Am Bm C D Em F#° G

Musical notation for G Major scale in bass clef. The scale is shown in two octaves. Chord diagrams are provided for each note. Fret numbers are listed below the staff.

Fret	4	5	7	9	11	12	14	16
String A								
String B	3	5	7	8	10	12	14	15