

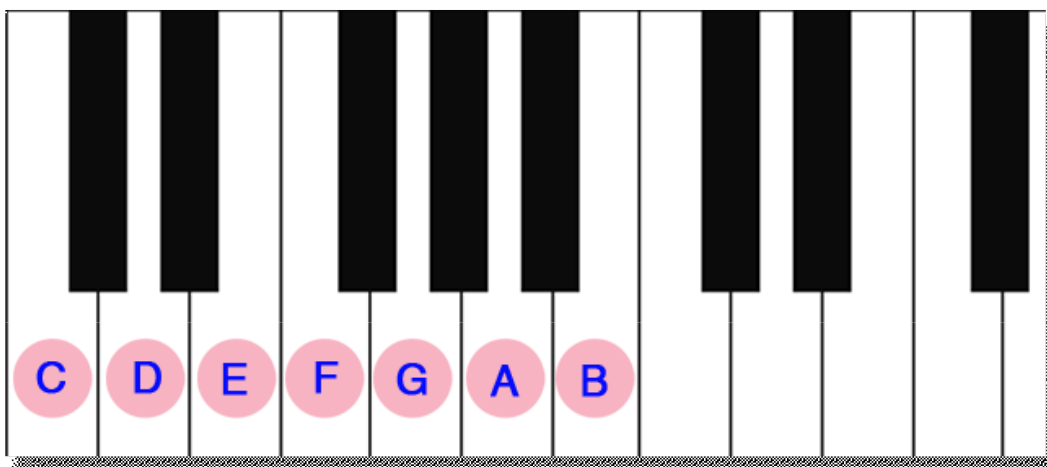
# Beginners Piano - The Basics

## Introduction

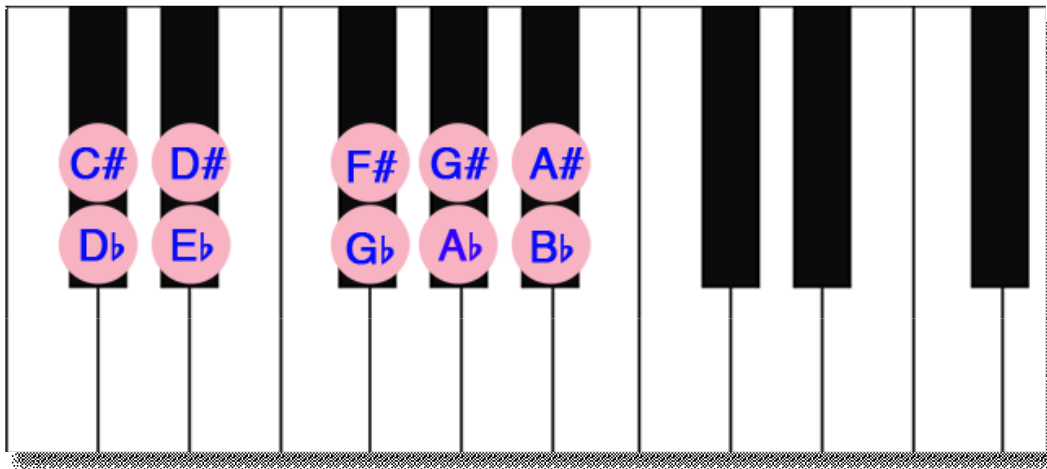
To master the piano will take many years of practice but to get started and work up to an intermediate level can be a lot easier and quicker than many people imagine. Here are some basic lessons to get you started followed by a complete chord sheet with the 24 basic major and minor chords. Mastering these will enable you to play most popular songs by ear or by reading chord sheets.

## The Notes

The first thing to learn is where to find the notes on the keyboard. A full sized piano keyboard will have up to 88 black and white keys. This will vary according to your piano.. some electronic keyboards have significantly less. The keyboard is divided up into groups of 12 notes which are repeated so you only have to learn these 12. Looking at the keyboard you will see that the black notes are in groups of 2 and 3. To start you need to locate C which is found just to the left of the pair of black notes. All of the other white notes are named sequentially from C to G and then back to A again. See the diagram below.



The black notes are the sharps and flats, a sharp being a half a tone higher than its note name and a flat being half a tone lower. Note that the black notes can be called by their sharp name or their flat name.



## The Chords

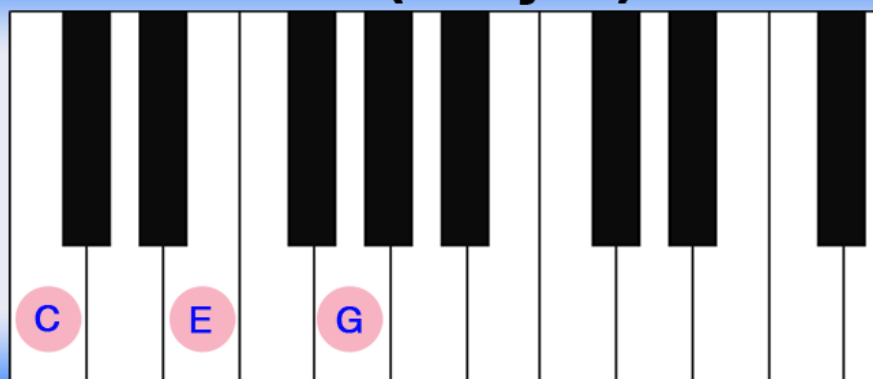
The basic chords to learn are the simple major and minor chords. These are all listed below. They all consist of 3 notes which are played together. The notes are listed in their most basic form with the root note at the bottom followed by the third note of the scale and then the fifth. The notes can be played in any order really but in most cases it is best to make sure that the root note is sounding in at the bottom ie played with the left hand.

I have made a short video to accompany this guide which explains in a little more detail how to play the chords. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKBT1MkrnY0>

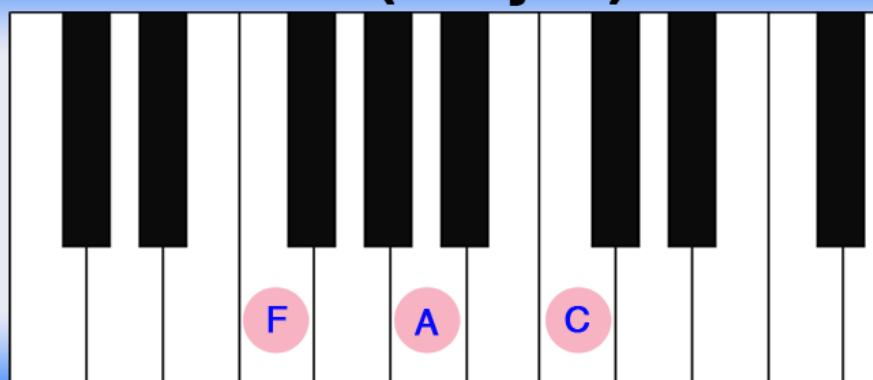
This is just a taster lesson to get you started. If you wish to pursue piano or keyboard playing more then you should consider one of the home study courses available online from immediate download. We have reviews and videos on the best ones available at our website <http://beginnerspiano.net>

# The Major Chords

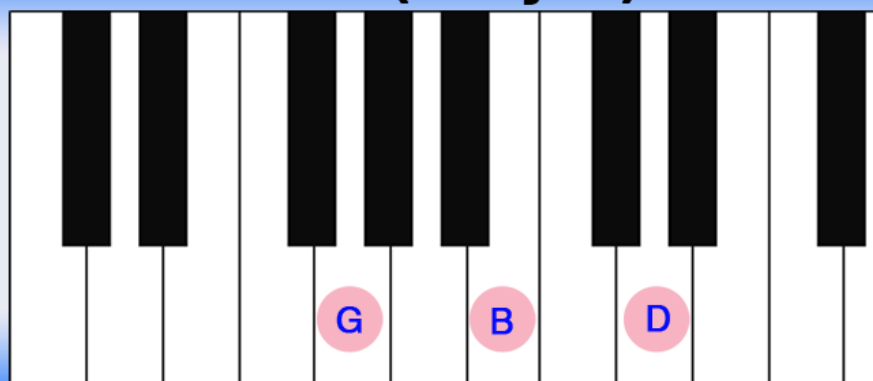
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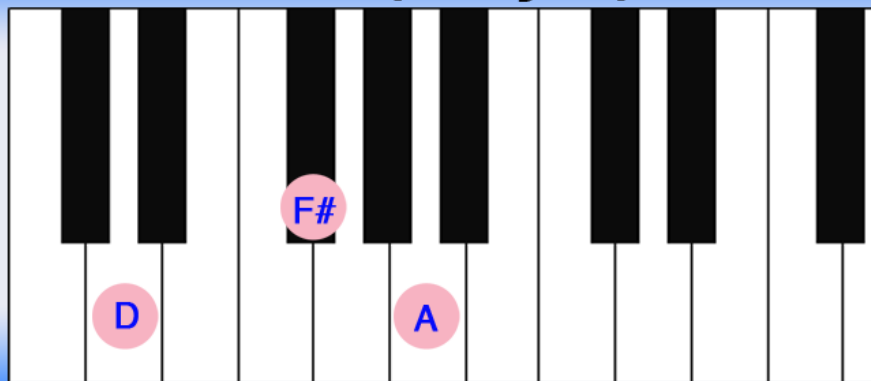
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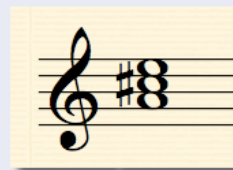
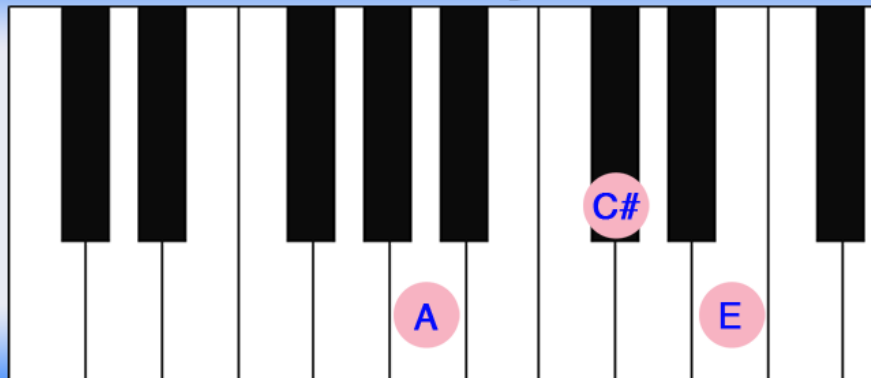
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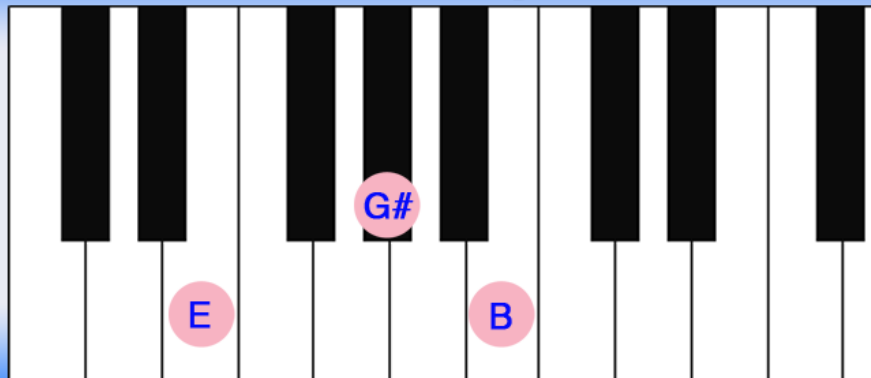
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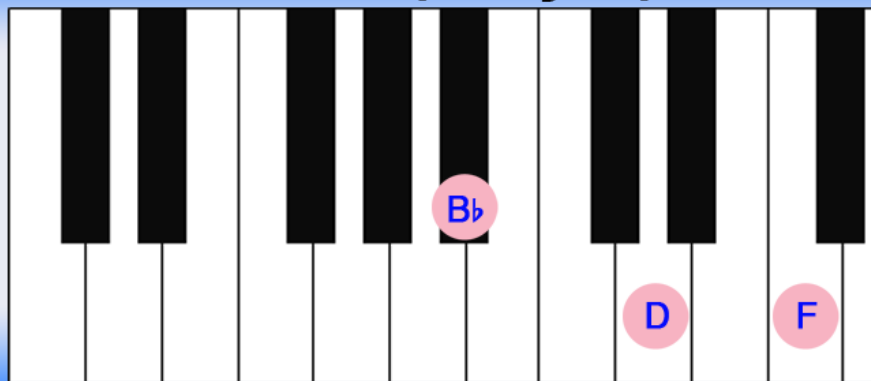
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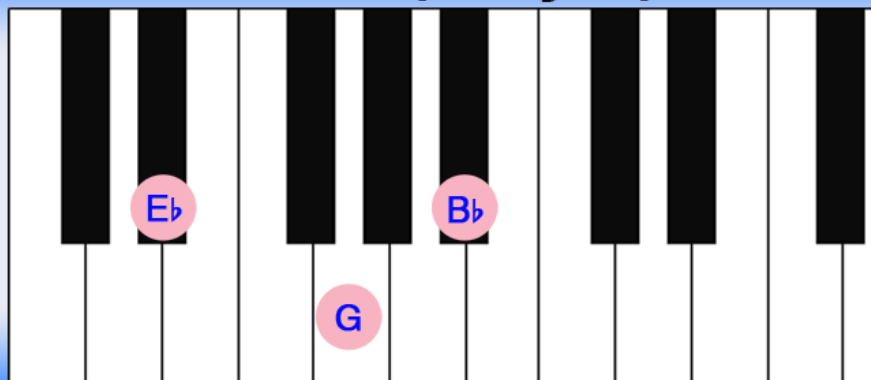
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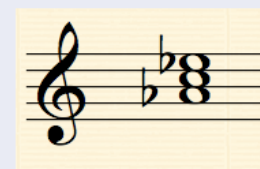
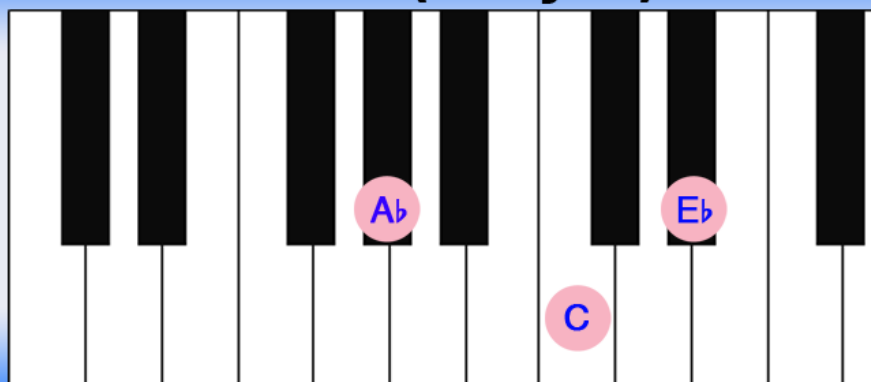
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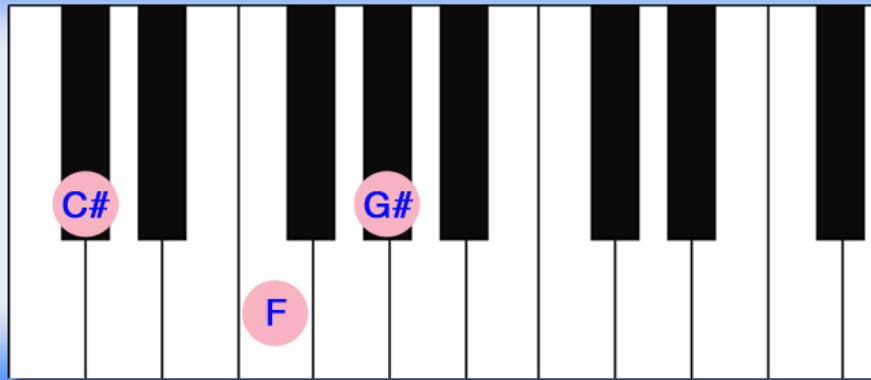
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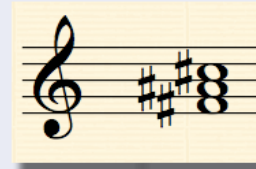
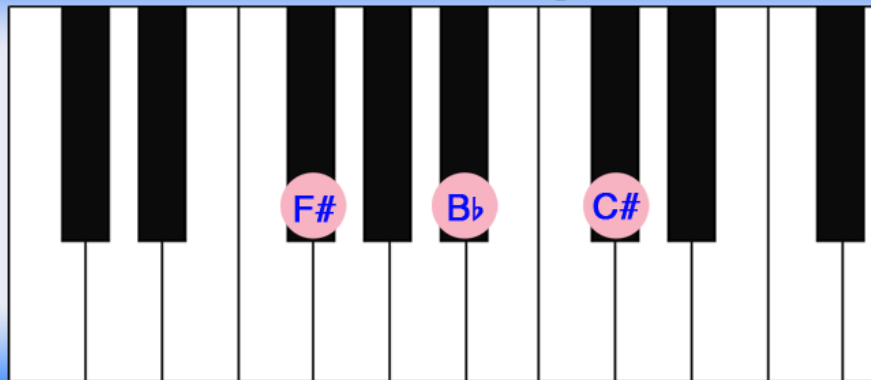
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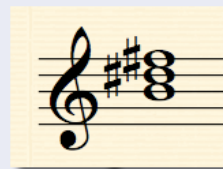
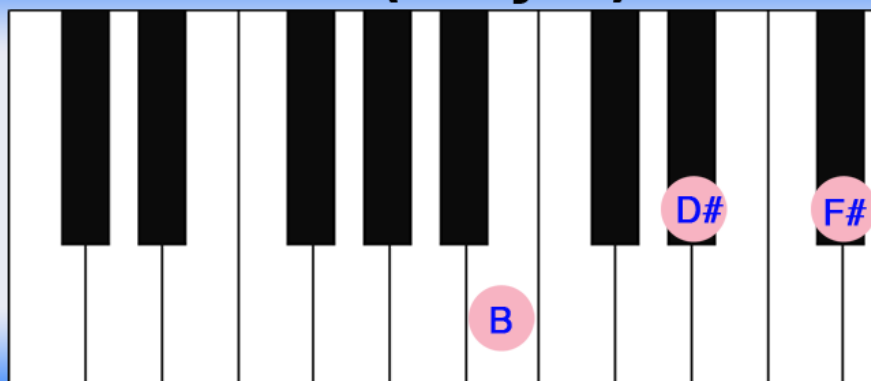
## C# (Major)



## F# (Major)



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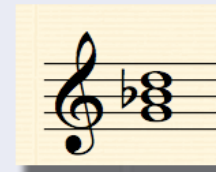
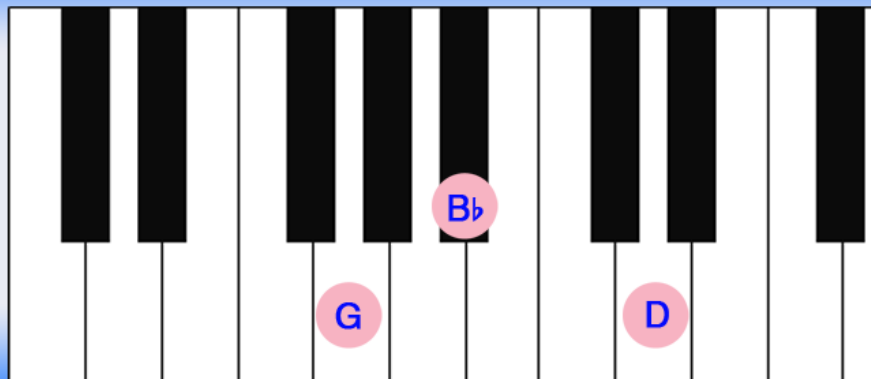


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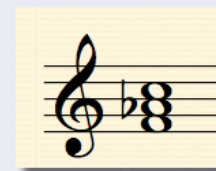
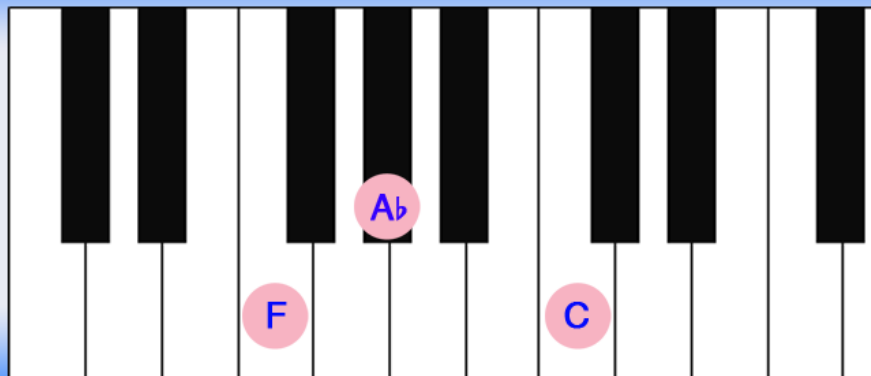
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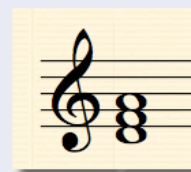
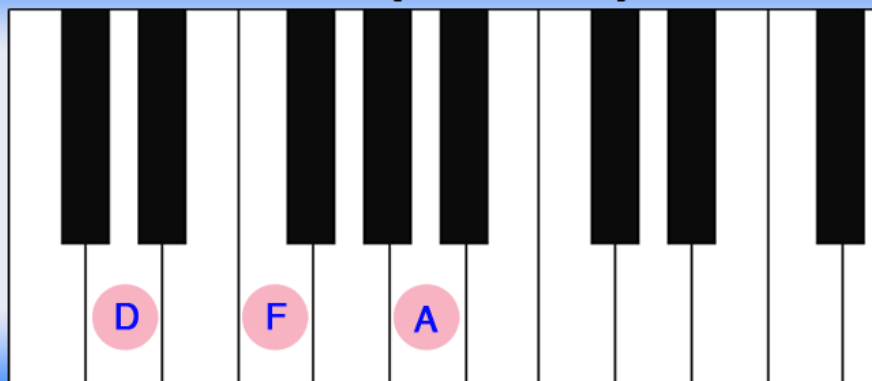
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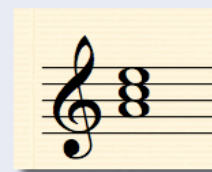
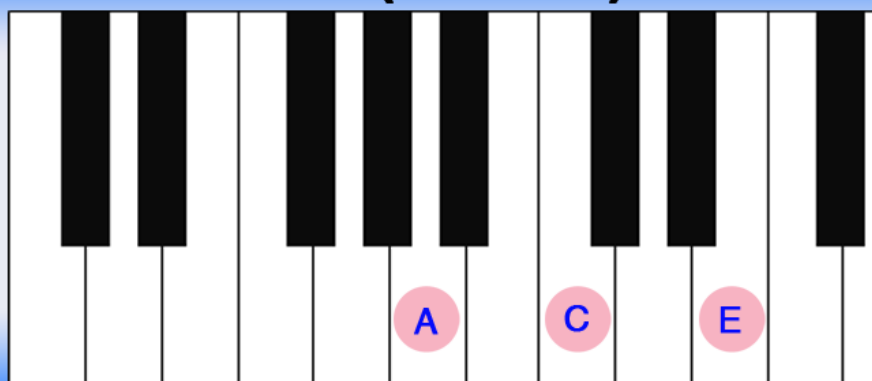
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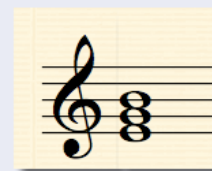
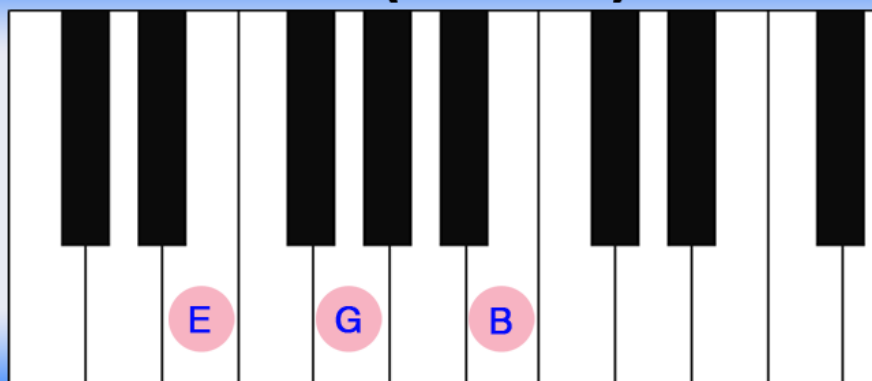
## D (Minor)



## A (Minor)

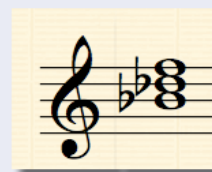
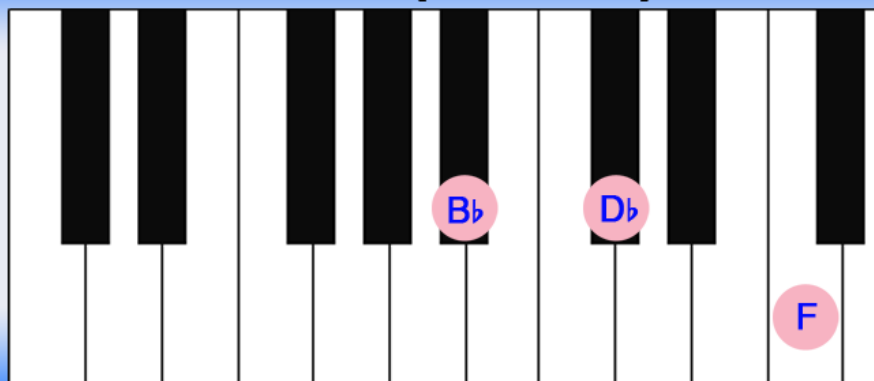


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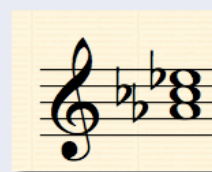
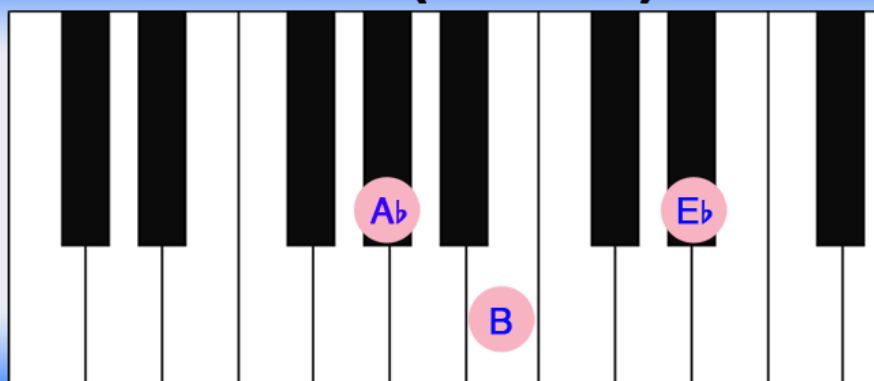




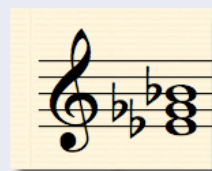
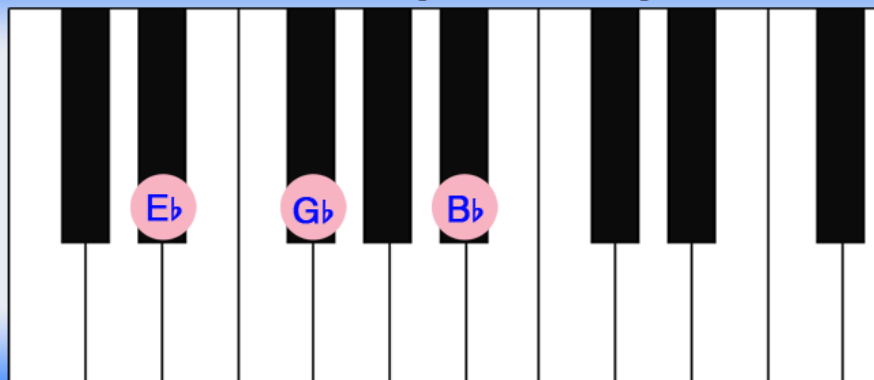
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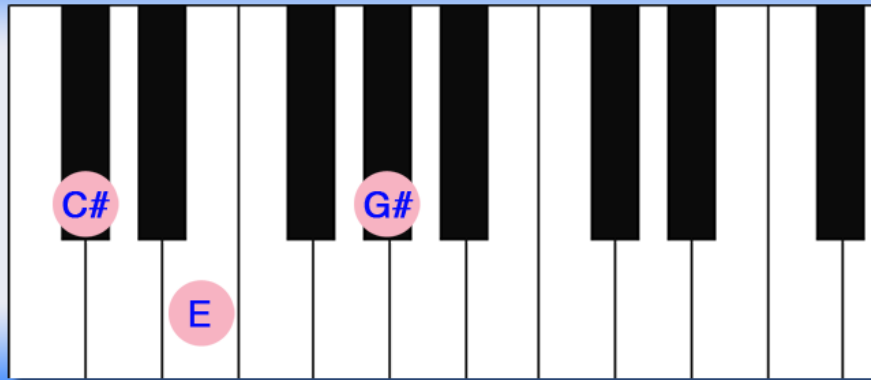
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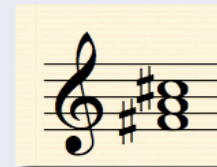
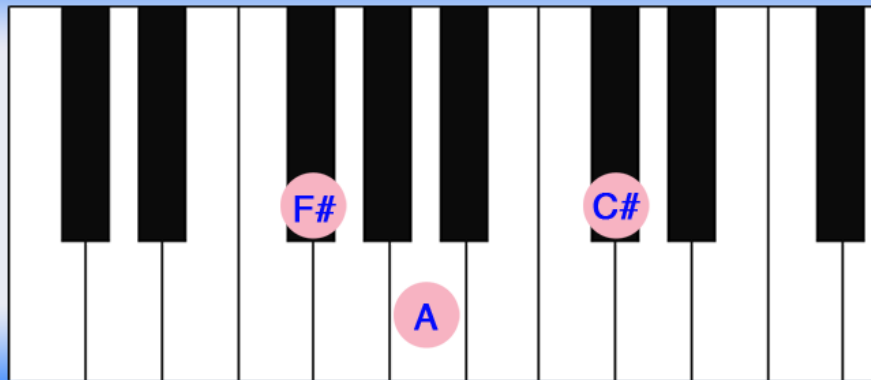
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## F# (Minor)



## B (Minor)

