



ESSENTIAL CHORDS FOR BEGINNERS

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This is a chord diagram. Read the captions below and learn how we use these to learn chord shapes. All the chords are going to be displayed like this so take your time learning each part of the diagram and what it represents!

The 'X' symbol indicates that this string is not played in this chord. You would start from the A string, missing the E string.

A Major

The clear circles signify that an open string is played. An open string is one with no fingers on any frets.

This red circle has the same function as the white circle (an open string) however, in this instance the colour tells us its the root note of the chord. This chord is an A Major, meaning the root note is A.



These symbols represent which fingers go where. In this Chord fingers 1, 2, & 3 are all placed on the second fret on the D, G & B strings.



