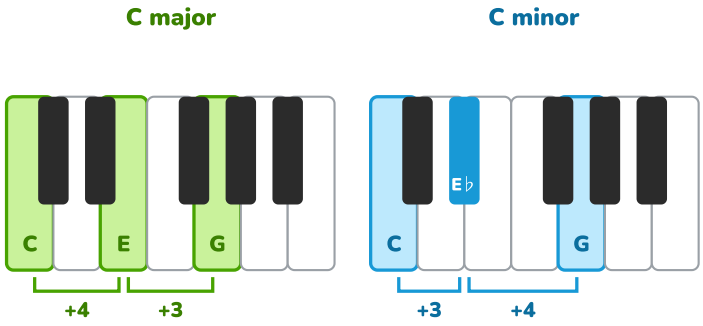
The 12 Minor Chords

Root position · right hand · fingers 1 – 3 – 5

From major to minor

1. **Pick the root** .
2. **Count 3 half steps** further: the middle note.
3. **Count 4 half steps** further: the top note.

Shortcut: take the major chord and move only the middle note down one half step.

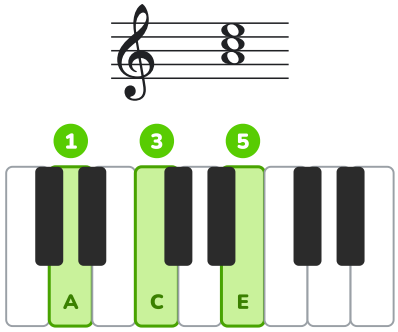


1 White keys only

Three minor chords without any black key.

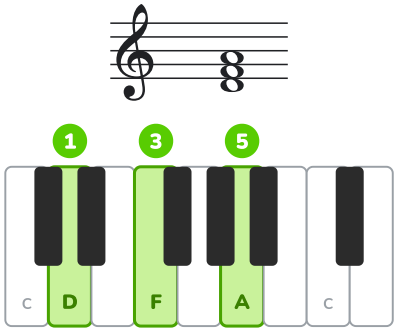
Am A minor

A – C – E



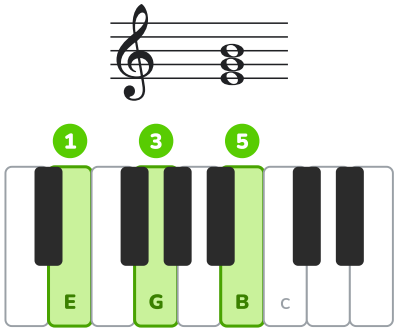
Dm D minor

D – F – A



Em E minor

E – G – B

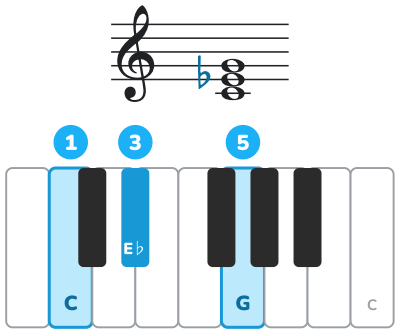


2 White · Black · White

The middle note is on the black key.

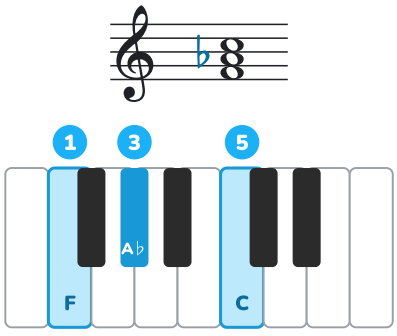
Cm C minor

C – E♭ – G



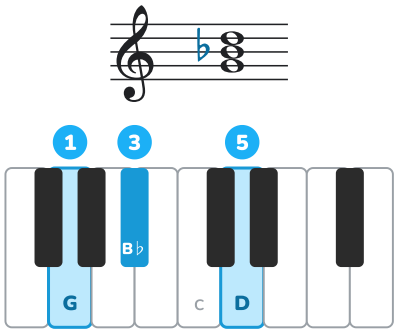
Fm F minor

F – A♭ – C



Gm G minor

G – B♭ – D

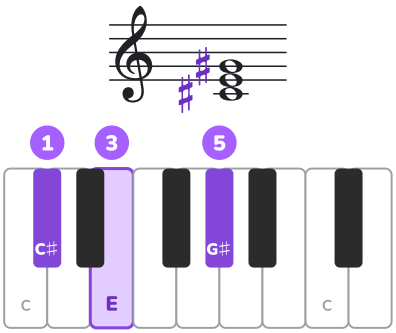


3 Black · White · Black

Black outside, white in the middle.

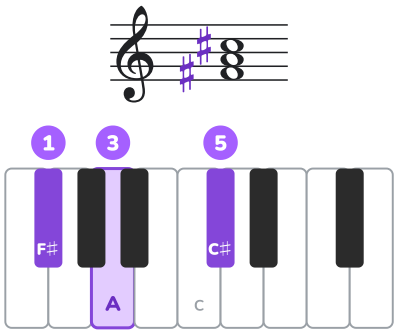
C♯m C♯ minor

C♯ – E – G♯



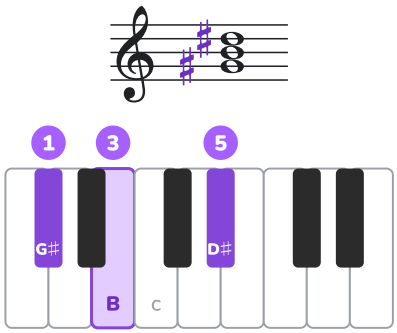
F♯m F♯ minor

F♯ – A – C♯



G♯m G♯ minor

G♯ – B – D♯

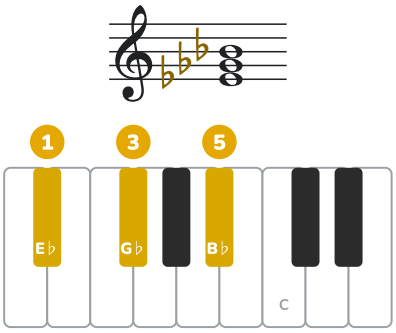


4 The special ones

Each has its own pattern – learn them one by one.

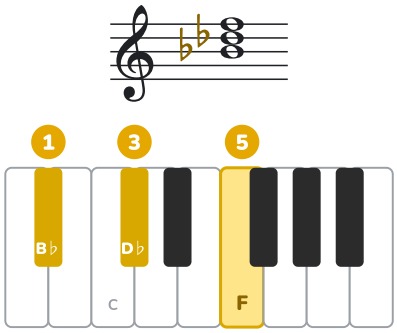
E♭m E♭ minor

E♭ – G♭ – B♭



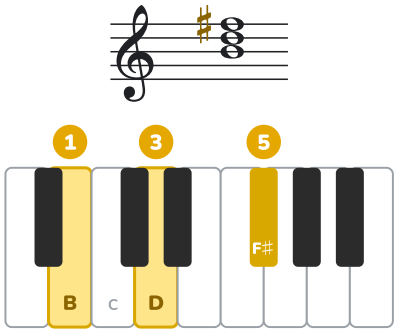
B♭m B♭ minor

B♭ – D♭ – F



Bm B minor

B – D – F♯



Your exercises

- [ ] Alternate major and minor: C – Cm – C – Cm. Can you hear how minor sounds sadder?
- [ ] Group 1 as an accompaniment: **Am – Dm – Em – Am**.
- [ ] Minor chords with eyes closed: find Am, Dm and Em by touch alone.
- [ ] Every major chord has a minor partner: C ↔ Am, F ↔ Dm, G ↔ Em. Play them one after the other.

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