

Music Theory for Fiddle Mandolin Violin #6

Chords in a Key

Ex 1

G	A	B	C	D	E	F#	G
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1

Musical notation for Ex 1: Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. Notes: G (1), A (2), B (3), C (4), D (5), E (6), F# (7), G (1). Mandolin fret numbers: 0, 2, 4, 5, 0, 2, 4, 5.

Ex 2

G	B	D	G D B G (major chord)
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Musical notation for Ex 2: Treble clef. Notes: G (2), B (4), D (0), G D B G (major chord) (2). Mandolin fret numbers: 0, 4, 0, 2.

Ex 3

A	C	E	A E C Am chord
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Musical notation for Ex 3: Treble clef. Notes: A (3), C (5), E (2), A E C Am chord (3). Mandolin fret numbers: 2, 5, 2, 3.

Ex 4

B	D	F#	B F# D Bm chord
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Musical notation for Ex 4: Treble clef. Notes: B (4), D (0), F# (4), B F# D Bm chord (5). Mandolin fret numbers: 4, 0, 4, 5.

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Ex 5

5 C E G C G E C (major) chord

5

5 2 5 7 3

Ex 6

6 D F# A D A F# D chord

6

0 4 0 2 0

Ex 7

7 E G B E B G Em chord

7

2 5 2 3 2

Ex 8

8 F# A C F# C A F# dim chord

8

4 0 3 5 3 4

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Ex 9

9 G Am Bm C D Em F#dim G

9

0 2 3 4 5 2 4 5

Ex 10

10 G note G chord

10

0 3 0

Ex 11

11 G Am Bm C D Em F#dim G

I IIm IIIIm IV V VIIm VIIIdim I

11

0 2 3 4 5 2 4 5

The chords in a key are:
I IIm IIIIm IV V VIIm VIIIdim

Learn this in many keys!!