Noodlecafé

Any key with 5 easy shapes

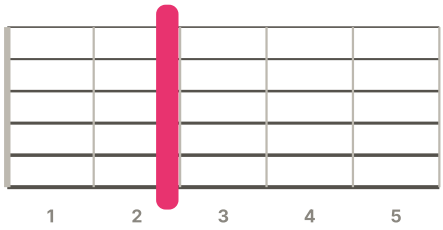
A capo + this chart = no more barre chords.

C A G E D +1 fret = +½ step

The 5 shape families · their main chords

shape	1	4	5	6
G	G	C	D	Em
C	C	F	G	Am
D	D	G	A	Bm
A	A	D	E	F#m
E	E	A	B7	C#m

How a capo works



capo 2 + G shapes = key of A

The shapes stay the same. Only the key moves.

THE capo chart · the key you sound in

shape	capo 0	capo 1	capo 2	capo 3	capo 4	capo 5	capo 6	capo 7
C	C	Db	D	Eb	E	F	F#	G
A	A	Bb	B	C	Db	D	Eb	E
G	G	Ab	A	Bb	B	C	Db	D
E	E	F	F#	G	Ab	A	Bb	B
D	D	Eb	E	F	F#	G	Ab	A

Find your song's key in the chart. Read the shape on the left and the capo fret on top.

Song in a hard key? Use this

song key	easiest	or
Eb	C shapes · capo 3	D shapes · capo 1
Bb	G shapes · capo 3	A shapes · capo 1
F	D shapes · capo 3	E shapes · capo 1
Ab	G shapes · capo 1	E shapes · capo 4
F#	E shapes · capo 2	D shapes · capo 4
B	G shapes · capo 4	A shapes · capo 2
Db	C shapes · capo 1	A shapes · capo 4
E	E shapes · open	D shapes · capo 2
A	A shapes · open	G shapes · capo 2

Find a song's key in 3 steps

1 Look at the **last chord**. Most songs end on home.

2 Check the **first chord**. It is often home too.

3 Play along: the chord that feels like **rest** is the key.

Capo rules

- Put it **just behind the fret**, not on top of it.
- Players name the **shape**: "G shape, capo 2".
- Past fret 7 it sounds thin: pick another shape family.
- Check your tuning after you clip it on.

Try it now · 2 minutes

Capo on 2. Play G, C, D, Em: you are in A. Move it to fret 5, same shapes: you are in C. Compare with C, F, G, Am, no capo.

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