

Circle of Fifths

The **Circle of Fifths** is a simple chart used to quickly visualize certain important concepts of music. Use this chart to identify key signatures, relative minor keys, and to memorize the order of sharp and flat keys.

Playing suggestions:

- (1) Memorize the Primary Chords by finding the letter name for the key (I or tonic). The subdominant chord IV is the next chord counterclockwise; the dominant chord V is the next chord clockwise.
- (2) Play chords through the cycle by fourths (counterclockwise) and then by fifths (clockwise).
- (3) Memorize ii-V7-I progressions through the cycle by fourths.

