

# Key Pages 6: Full Diatonic Major (C.KS)

(Developing chord patterns in 4ths, 5ths and Steps.)

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1. Here is the "dictionary" version of the major tonality. Chords up the scale.

D    Em    F#m    G    A    Bm    C#dim    D

IM    2m    3m    4M    5M    6m    7dim    1M

♩ = 80

(Standard "Classical" symbols)

I    iim    iiim    IV    V    vim    viidim    I

2. Now, set them up in the "Diatonic Circle of Fifths." Sounds better, but still a bit "stiff."  
The chord symbols under the bass clef will be in "Nashville" system\* going forward.)

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D    G    C#dim    F#m    Bm    Em    A    D

1    4    7dim    3m    6m    2m    5    1

3. Try a variation of the "circle" that moves up a 4th and down a 5th.  
To make this work you will need to employ some chord inversions in the R.H..

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D    G    C#dim    F#m    Bm    Em    A    D

1    4    7dim    3m    6m    2m    5    1

4. Now, try a "walking" tone in the L.H. to create a little "Harmonic Rhythm."

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D    G    C#dim    F#m    Bm    Em    A    D

1    4    7dim    3m    6m    2m    5    1

5. Now, try walking the L.H. a little more by adding some additional tones.

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1    4    7dim    3m    6m    2m    5    1

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6. Next, place the chords in the L.H. and create a melody in the R.H.

21 These chords are "Close position" voicings. Connect them as smoothly as possible.

7. The second most common chord movement concept is Stepwise motion.

Here is a sample step pattern that moves down in the L.H..

25 D A/C# Bm D/A G D/F# Em A

(Using Dyads in the L.H. "Opens" the sound. Start a melody on the Tonic/Root.)

29 D A/C# Bm D/A G D/F# Em A

(Continue with a melodic line beginning on the 3rd of the key.)

Summary Note: These exercises are based on the most common chord movement patterns in music through the centuries-- 4ths, 5ths and steps. Notice how the chords have more forward energy with these patterns, and notice how the "beats work together."

33 D

8. Now it's your turn. Play through the "Chord Shells" below and create your own melody.

37 D A/C# Bm D/A G D/F# Em A

41 D A/C# Bm D/A G D/F# Em A

45 D

D5