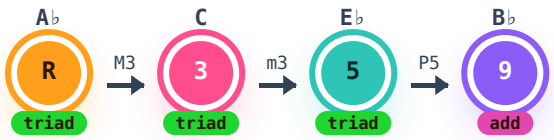
A♭add9 Guitar Chord Chart

A♭ add 9 · notes A♭ C E♭ B♭ · formula 1 3 5 9 · 4 voicings

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The formula



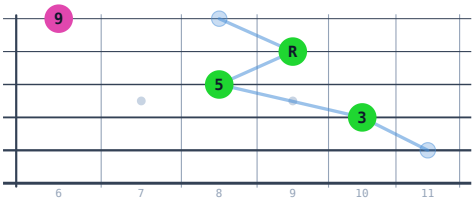
Character: ✨ **shimmering**

- **Triad note** root, 3rd or 5th, played in its place
- **Substitute** an extension on a triad note's string
- **Added** an extension on a string of its own
- **Anchored root** the root on the string below
- **Bass** a slash chord's bass note
- **Doubling** the same note an octave away

4 ways to play A♭add9

C shape · 1st inversion

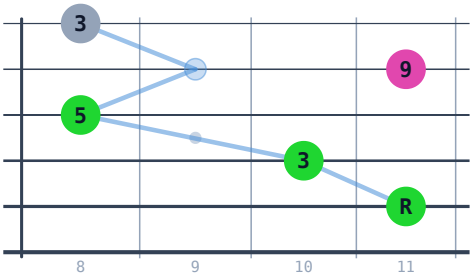
A♭add9/C



x x 10 8 9 6
3 5 1 9 (C E♭ A♭ B♭)
Base triad: A♭ major, 1st inversion The 9th gets a string of its own.

C shape · Root position

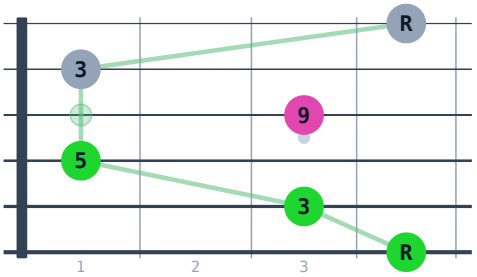
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x 11 10 8 11 8
1 3 5 9 (A♭ C E♭ B♭)
Base triad: A♭ major, root position The 9th gets a string of its own.

G shape · Root position

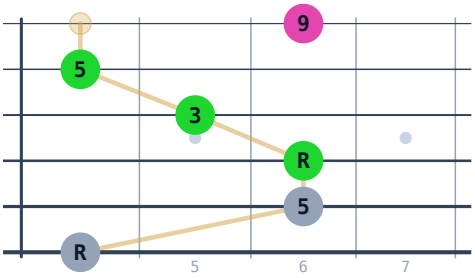
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4 3 1 3 1 4
1 3 5 9 (A♭ C E♭ B♭)
Base triad: A♭ major, root position The 9th gets a string of its own.

E shape · Root position

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4 6 6 5 4 6
1 3 5 9 (A♭ C E♭ B♭)
Base triad: A♭ major, root position The 9th gets a string of its own.

Construction rules

Start from a triad. Root, 3rd and 5th, stacked in thirds. The 3rd makes it major or minor; the 5th makes it diminished or augmented when it moves.

No 7th, no stack. 6, add9, add11 and 6/9 are a triad with a colour note, not a stack. Without a 7th the chord sounds open rather than jazzy.