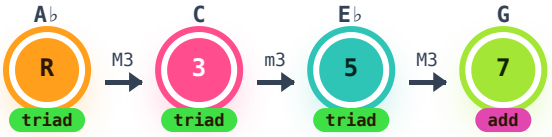
A♭maj7 Guitar Chord Chart

A♭ major 7th · notes A♭ C E♭ G · formula 1 3 5 7 · 15 voicings

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The formula



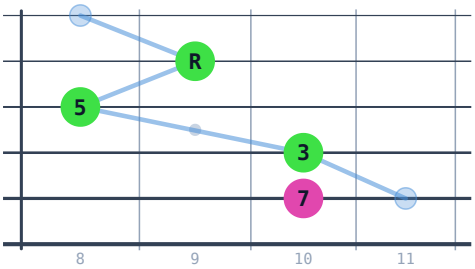
Character: ☁️ **dreamy**

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

15 ways to play A♭maj7

C shape · 3rd inversion

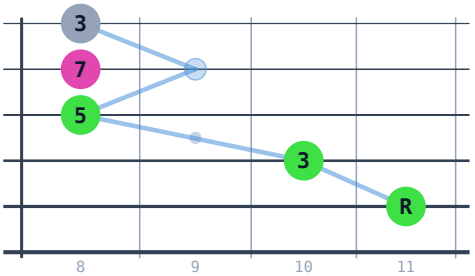
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Base triad: A♭ major, 1st inversion The 7th gets a string of its own.

C shape · Root position

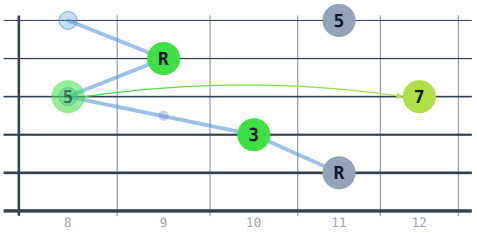
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1 3 5 7 (A♭ C E♭ G)
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C shape · 1st inversion

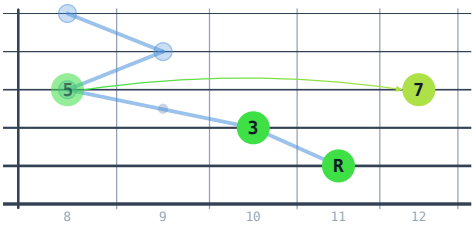
A♭maj7/C



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3 7 1 (C G A♭)
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C shape · Root position

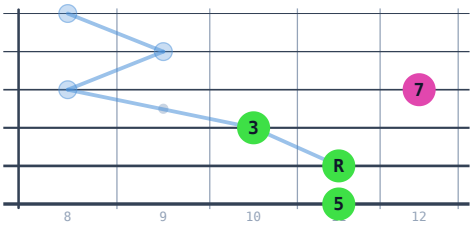
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C shape · 2nd inversion

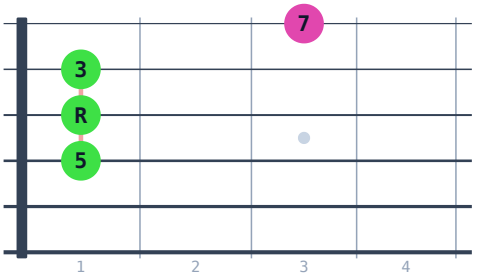
A♭maj7/E♭



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5 1 3 7 (E♭ A♭ C G)
Base triad: A♭ major, 2nd inversion The 7th gets a string of its own.

A shape · 2nd inversion

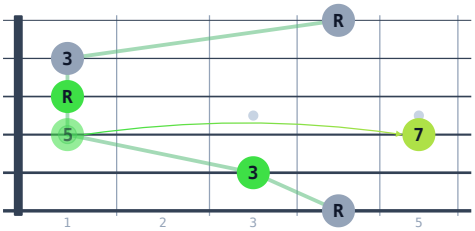
A♭maj7/E♭



x x 1 1 1 3
5 1 3 7 (E♭ A♭ C G)
Base triad: A♭ major, 2nd inversion The 7th gets a string of its own.

G shape · 1st inversion

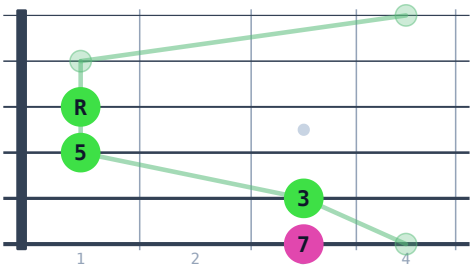
A♭maj7/C



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3 7 1 (C G A♭)
Base triad: A♭ major, 1st inversion The 7th takes the 5th's string.

G shape · 3rd inversion

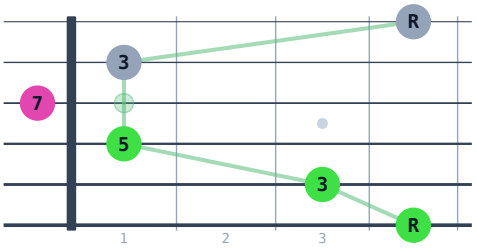
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G shape · Root position

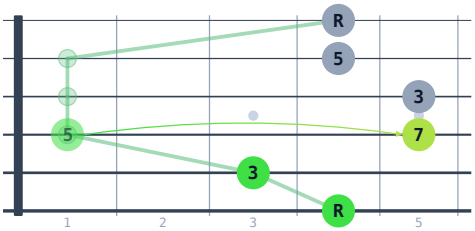
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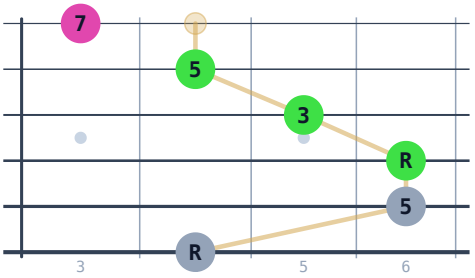
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1 3 7 (A♭ C G)
Base triad: A♭ major, root position The 7th takes the 5th's string.

E shape · Root position

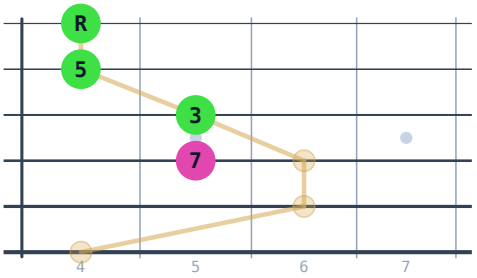
A♭maj7



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1 3 5 7 (A♭ C E♭ G)
Base triad: A♭ major, root position The 7th gets a string of its own.

E shape · 3rd inversion

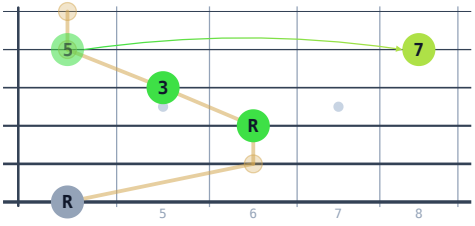
A♭maj7/G



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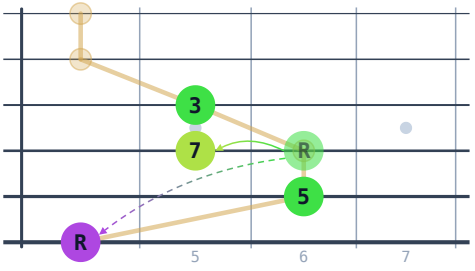
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4 x 6 5 8 x
1 3 7 (A♭ C G)
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E shape · 2nd inversion · Anchored

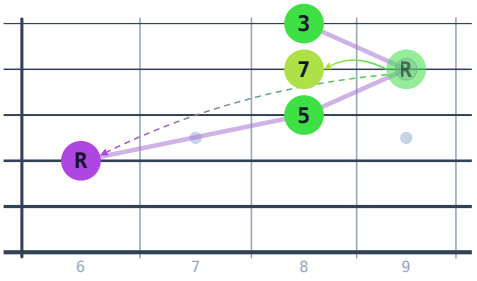
A♭maj7



4 6 5 5 x x
1 5 7 3 (A♭ E♭ G C)
Base triad: A♭ major, 2nd inversion The root drops to the string below the triad. The 7th takes the root's string.

D shape · 2nd inversion · Anchored

A♭maj7



x x 6 8 8 8
1 5 7 3 (A♭ E♭ G C)
Base triad: A♭ major, 2nd inversion The root drops to the string below the triad. The 7th takes the root's string.

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.

A third on top makes a 7th chord. A major 7th over a major triad is maj7, a ♭7 is a dominant 7. Over minor you get m7 or m(maj7); over diminished, m7♭5 or the °7, whose 7th is lowered twice.

On guitar, something has to give. Each extension takes the string of a triad note that matters less, usually the 5th, or gets a string of its own. The root and 3rd stay: they say what the chord is.

The root can move down. When an extension needs the root's string, the root can drop to the string below the triad: an anchored voicing keeps the bass and frees a string on top.