Amadd9 Guitar Chord Chart

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

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The formula



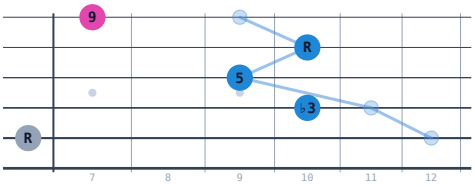
Character: 🌸 **tender**

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

5 ways to play Amadd9

C shape · 1st inversion

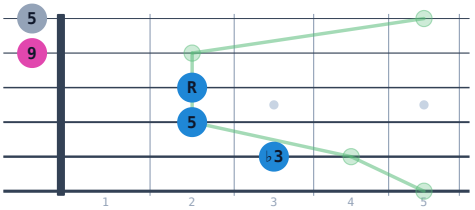
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♭3 5 1 9 (C E A B)
Base triad: A minor, 1st inversion The 9th gets a string of its own.

G shape · 1st inversion

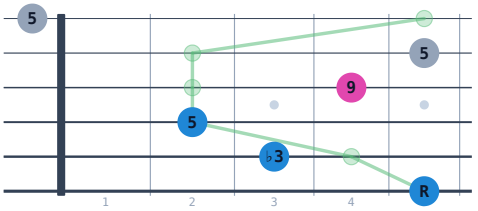
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G shape · Root position

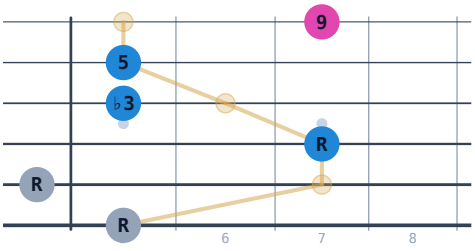
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Base triad: A minor, root position The 9th gets a string of its own.

E shape · Root position

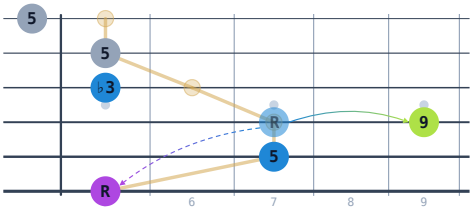
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5 0 7 5 5 7
1 ♭3 5 9 (A C E B)
Base triad: A minor, root position The 9th gets a string of its own.

E shape · 2nd inversion · Anchored

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5 7 9 5 5 0
1 5 9 ♭3 (A E B C)
Base triad: A minor, 2nd inversion The root drops to the string below the triad. The 9th 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.

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.

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.