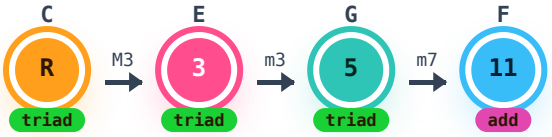
Cadd11 Guitar Chord Chart

C add 11 · notes C E G F · formula 1 3 5 11 · 5 voicings

Interactive page: triads-guitar.com/chords/c-add11 · Build any chord: triads-guitar.com/chord-library-app

The formula



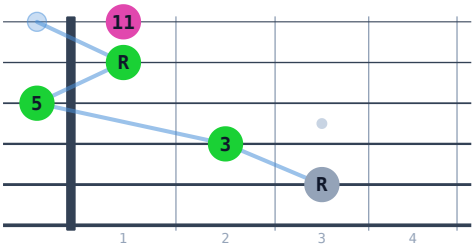
Character: folky

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 Cadd11

C shape · 1st inversion

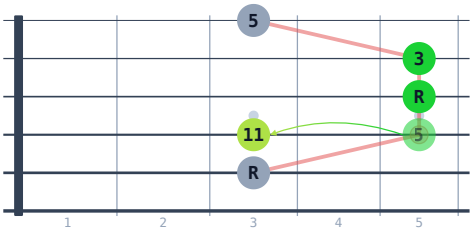
Cadd11/E



x 3 2 0 1 1
3 5 1 11 (E G C F)
Base triad: C major, 1st inversion The 11th gets a string of its own.

A shape · 2nd inversion

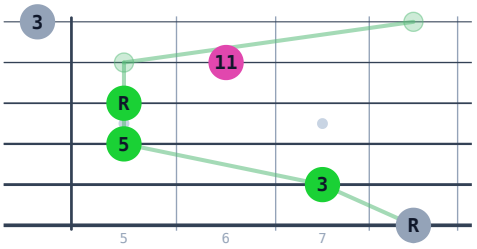
Cadd11/F



x 3 3 5 5 3
11 1 3 (F C E)
Base triad: C major, 2nd inversion The 11th takes the 5th's string.

G shape · 1st inversion

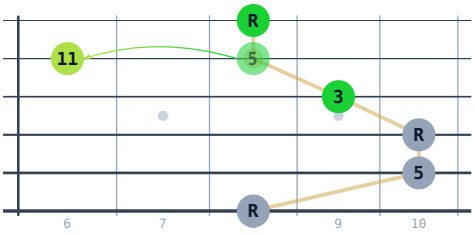
Cadd11/E



8 7 5 5 6 0
3 5 1 11 (E G C F)
Base triad: C major, 1st inversion The 11th gets a string of its own.

E shape · 1st inversion

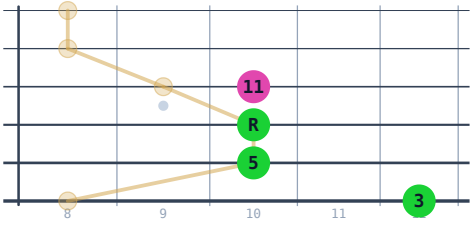
Cadd11/E



8 10 10 9 6 8
3 11 1 (E F C)
Base triad: C major, 1st inversion The 11th takes the 5th's string.

E shape · 1st inversion

Cadd11/E



12 10 10 10 x x
3 5 1 11 (E G C F)
Base triad: C major, 1st inversion The 11th 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.

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.