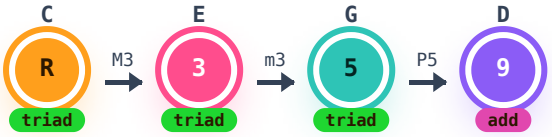
Cadd9 Guitar Chord Chart

C add 9 · notes C E G D · formula 1 3 5 9 · 4 voicings

Interactive page: triads-guitar.com/chords/c-add9 · Build any chord: triads-guitar.com/chord-library-app

The formula



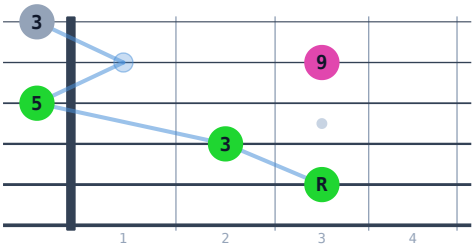
Character: ✨ **shimmering**

- **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 Cadd9

C shape · Root position

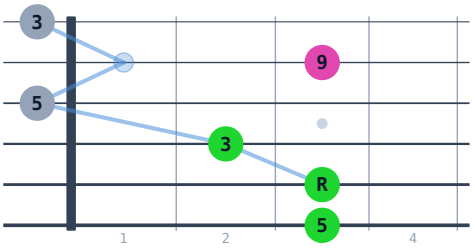
Cadd9



x 3 2 0 3 0
1 3 5 9 (C E G D)
Base triad: C major, root position The 9th gets a string of its own.

C shape · 2nd inversion

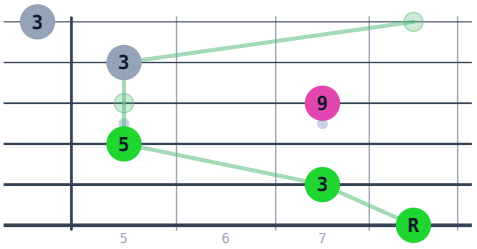
Cadd9/G



3 3 2 0 3 0
5 1 3 9 (G C E D)
Base triad: C major, 2nd inversion The 9th gets a string of its own.

G shape · Root position

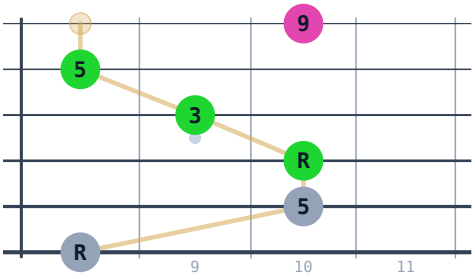
Cadd9



8 7 5 7 5 0
1 3 5 9 (C E G D)
Base triad: C major, root position The 9th gets a string of its own.

E shape · Root position

Cadd9



8 10 10 9 8 10
1 3 5 9 (C E G D)
Base triad: C 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.