Cmadd11 Guitar Chord Chart

C minor add 11 · notes C E♭ G F · formula 1 ♭3 5 11 · 6 voicings

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The formula



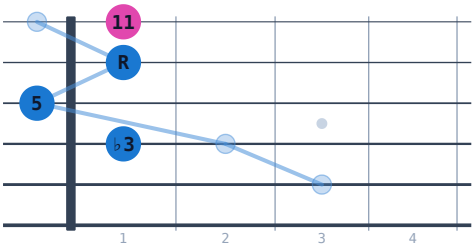
Character: 🍃 earthy

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

6 ways to play Cmadd11

C shape · 1st inversion

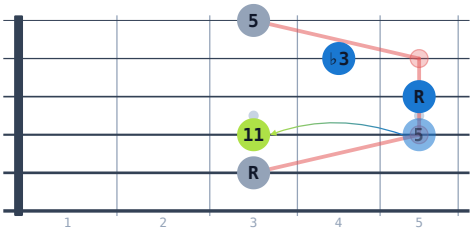
Cmadd11/E♭



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

A shape · 2nd inversion

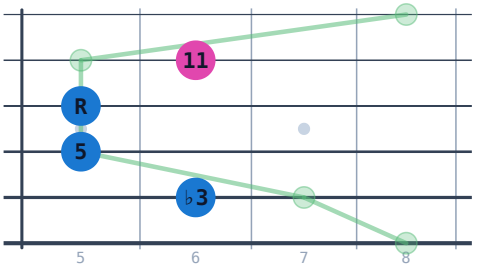
Cmadd11/F



x 3 3 5 4 3
11 1 ♭3 (F C E♭)
Base triad: C minor, 2nd inversion The 11th takes the 5th's string.

G shape · 1st inversion

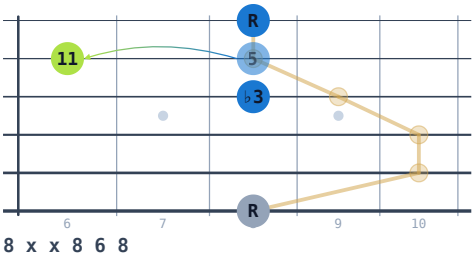
Cmadd11/E♭



x 6 5 5 6 x
♭3 5 1 11 (E♭ G C F)
Base triad: C minor, 1st inversion The 11th gets a string of its own.

E shape · 1st inversion

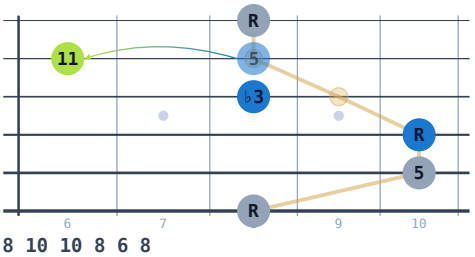
Cmadd11/E♭



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♭3 11 1 (E♭ F C)
Base triad: C minor, 1st inversion The 11th takes the 5th's string.

E shape · Root position

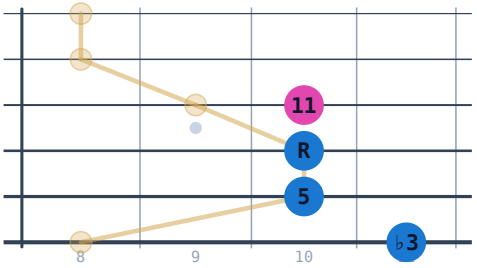
Cmadd11



8 10 10 8 6 8
1 ♭3 11 (C E♭ F)
Base triad: C minor, root position The 11th takes the 5th's string.

E shape · 1st inversion

Cmadd11/E♭



11 10 10 10 x x
♭3 5 1 11 (E♭ G C F)
Base triad: C minor, 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.