

capo chart

The ability to transpose and use a capo allows you to play songs in their original keys with easier or more familiar chords. This chart gives you the best ways to couple transposition knowledge and the capo to play familiar chords in every key. With just the basic chords, you can pretty much play anything.

Best Places to Play the Capo

To Hear the Key of...	Add the Capo to Fret...	And Play Chords from the Key of...	Common Alternatives
A	2	G	play chords from key of A
A# or Bb	3	G	Capo 1; chords of A
B	4	G	Capo 2; chords of A
C	play chords from key of C		Capo 3; chords of A
C# or Db	1	C	Capo 4; chords of A
D	2	C	play chords from key of D
D# or Eb	3	C	Capo 1; chords of D
E	4	C	Capo 2; chords of D
F	5	C	Capo 3; chords of D
F# or Gb	4	D	Capo 6; chords of C
G	play chords from key of G		none
G# or Ab	1	G	none

Note that **if you got really comfortable with the chords from just the keys of G and C and learned how to transpose for the capo, you can play in every key.** There are just nine different chords between those keys. It might seem like cheating, it's definitely not. It's more like a secret that all the best players know and use all the time.