

STACKING THIRDS CHEATSHEET

COUNTING THIRDS

MAJOR THIRD

4 half steps (count up 4 keys from 0)



MINOR THIRD

3 half steps (count up 3 keys from 0)



TRIAD STACKS

MAJOR TRIAD

Major 3rd + minor 3rd

AUGMENTED TRIAD

Major 3rd + Major 3rd

MINOR TRIAD

minor 3rd + Major 3rd

DIMINISHED TRIAD

minor 3rd + minor 3rd

4-NOTE CHORD STACKS

MAJOR 7TH

Major 3rd + minor 3rd + Major 3rd

AUGMENTED 7TH

Major 3rd + Major 3rd + Major 3rd

MINOR 7TH

minor 3rd + Major 3rd + minor 3rd

MIN 7 (♭5) (HALF-DIMINISHED)

minor 3rd + minor 3rd + Major 3rd

FULL DIMINISHED

minor 3rd + minor 3rd + minor 3rd

DOMINANT 7TH

Major 3rd + minor 3rd + minor 3rd

MIN (MAJ 7TH)

minor 3rd + Major 3rd + Major 3rd

