

HOW TO PLAY PIANO CHORDS

CD included

Book 2
The Chord Book

**The fastest and most effective way to learn
popular keyboard accompanying**

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Piano Chords

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*This book will teach you all the chords you will
ever need for playing pop keyboard.*

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Why this book?



Ever wanted to sing your favourite songs and accompany yourself on a keyboard instrument?

Well, this book is the second in a series that will teach you just that!

Pop guitar players have a good time with little or no music theory and now it's the keyboard player's turn.

***Book 1 - Getting Started** gets you up and running with some of the world's most famous tunes.*

***Book 2 - The Chord Book** will teach you all the chords you will ever likely need. From here the huge catalogue of published popular music will be at your fingertips.*

***Book 3 - The Rhythm Book** will help your chord playing sound interesting by teaching you many rhythm patterns in various musical styles such as ballads, swing, reggae, etc.*

Each book has an accompanying CD to make your learning more interesting.

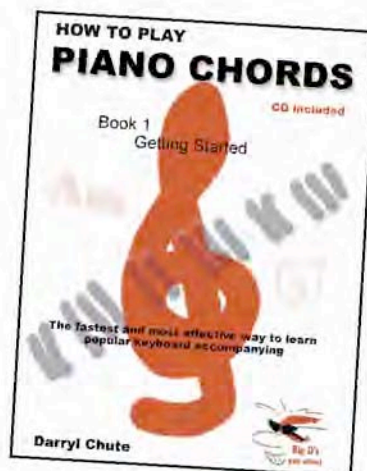
Have fun - and enjoy the journey!

An overview of Book 1 - Getting Started

Before attempting the material in the second book of this series it is recommended you have studied and feel comfortable with *Book 1 - Getting Started*.

Below are some of the topics and songs covered in *Getting Started*.

- What is chord playing all about?
- The black and white pattern
- Where is Middle C
- The names of the keys
- The names of the fingers
- The C chord
- Tuning your instrument
- How to use the CD
- Five ways of playing a C chord
- Five more chords
- Getting used to chord shapes
- White chord jam
- What does that mean?
- The sustain pedal



SONGS

Power Ballad - Danny Boy
Soft Ballad - Hush Little Baby
Pop Ballad - I Gave My Love A Cherry
Pop - Amazing Grace
Country - Banks Of The Ohio
Swing - When The Saints Go Marching In
Waltz - Scarborough Fair
Slow Ballad - Michael Rowed The Boat Ashore
Reggae - Drunken Sailor
Rock And Roll - Frankie And Johnny
Boogie Shuffle - Rock My Soul

CD - Track 1



Before using the CD you should make sure your keyboard or piano is in tune.

The first track on the CD is A440 (A above Middle C). Play the A on your keyboard along with the track to see if your instrument is in tune.

Tuning Up

Mid C



Having completed *Book 1 - Getting Started* you are probably ready to learn a lot more chords so you can play your favourite songs.

Where *Getting Started* showed you a general approach to playing chords, this book will teach you all the chords you will ever need.

To learn how to make the chords sound more rhythmically interesting refer to *Book 3 - The Rhythm Book*.

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Major Chords

The White Family

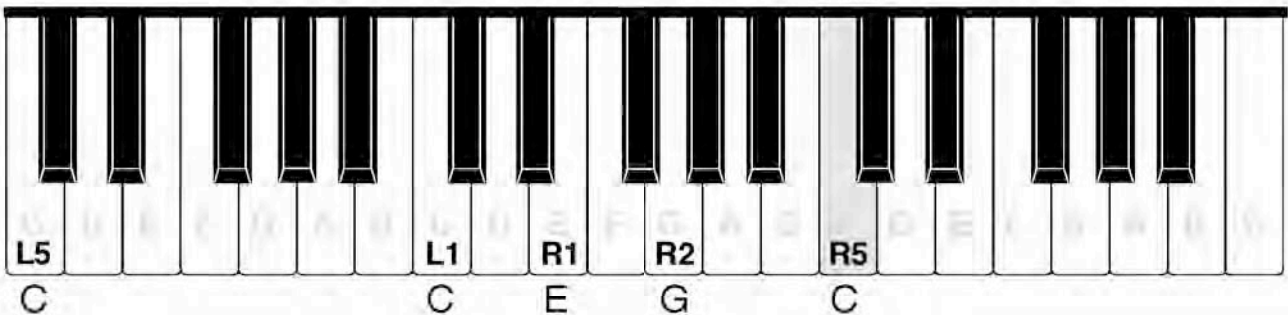
Major chords are the most common. Within the Major chords are four sub-groups (or families) that have the same look and feel about them.

The *White Family* group (C, F and G) only use the white keys of the keyboard.

Get to know them well, then try playing along with the *White Family Jam* on the following page.

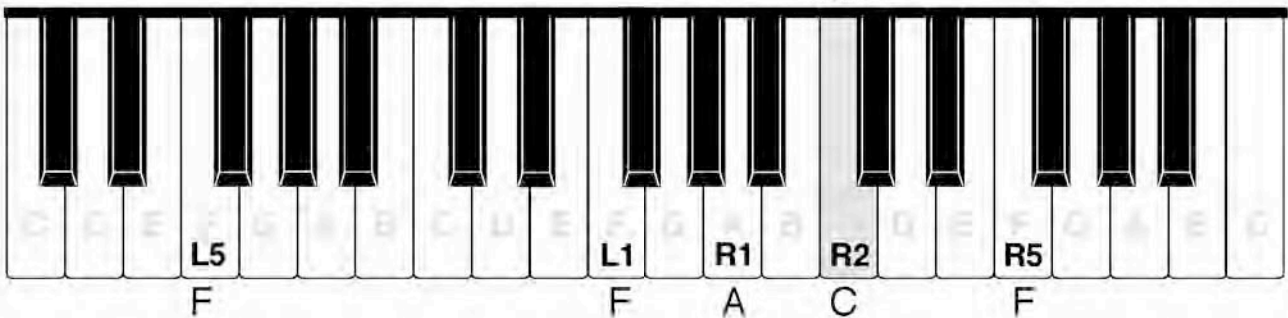
C

Mid C



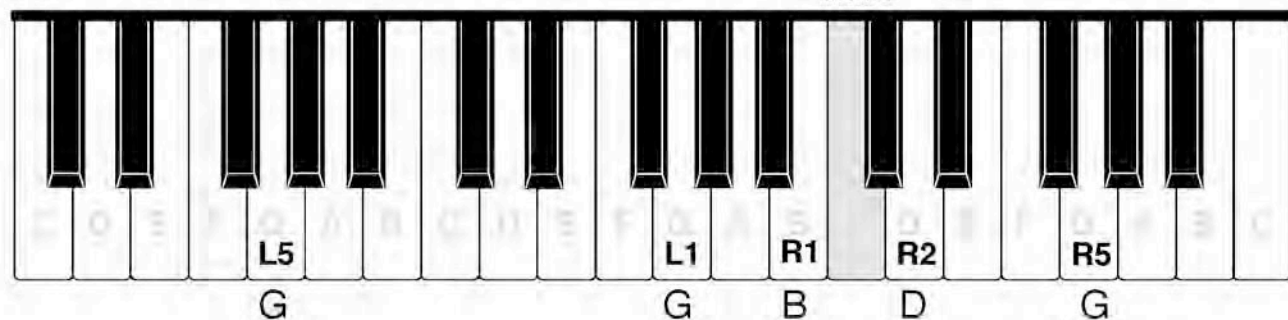
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Mid C



G

Mid C





Now lets have some fun!

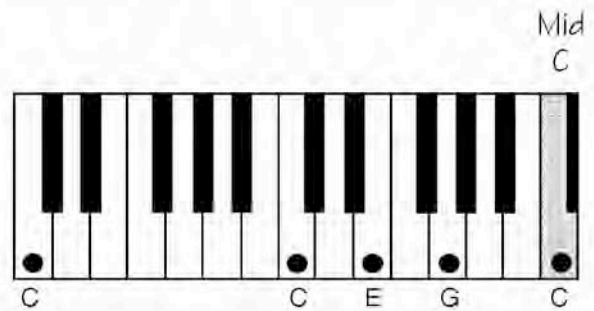
As with all the jam sessions, practise without the CD first until you feel up to playing along. Listen carefully to the music so you don't get out of time.

If your keyboard sounds strange it may need tuning. Use the first track on the CD to tune up (see *Tuning Up* section on page 4).

▲ means go up the keyboard (to the right)

▼ means go down the keyboard (to the left)

This is your starting chord - C ➡



C ▲ F ▲ G G

Feel and count the beat in your head as you play.

This means repeat - go back to the beginning and play through again.

WATCH OUT!
The music speeds up a lot half way through.

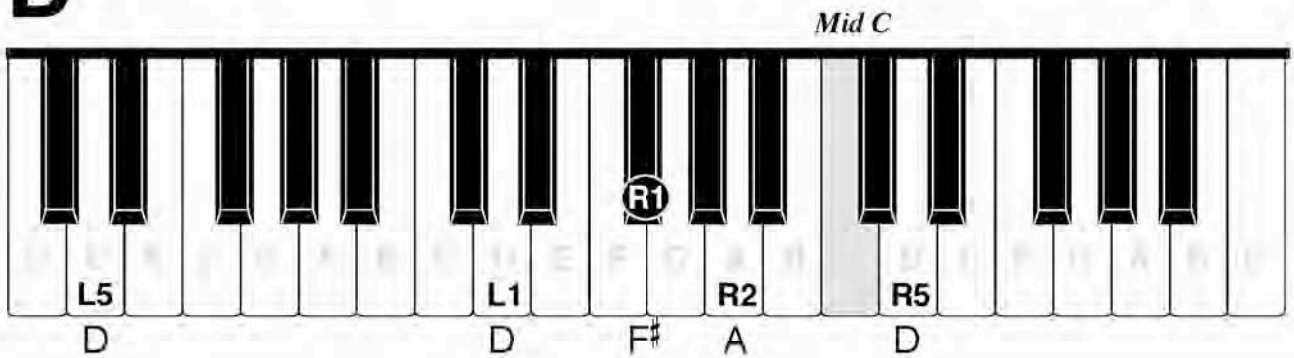


Major Chords The Black Thumb Family

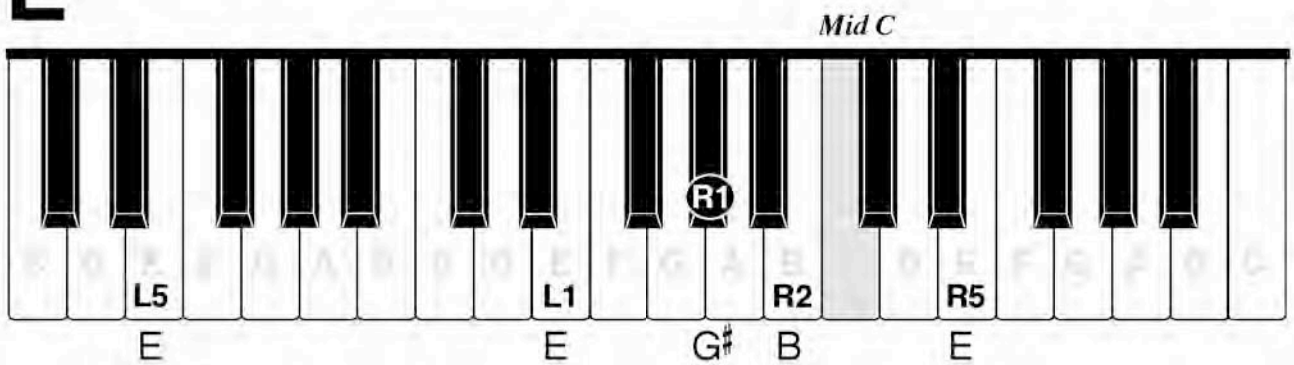
The *Black Thumb Family* (D, E and A) have the **right hand thumb on a black key**.

It may help to move your right hand in a little towards the back of the keys.

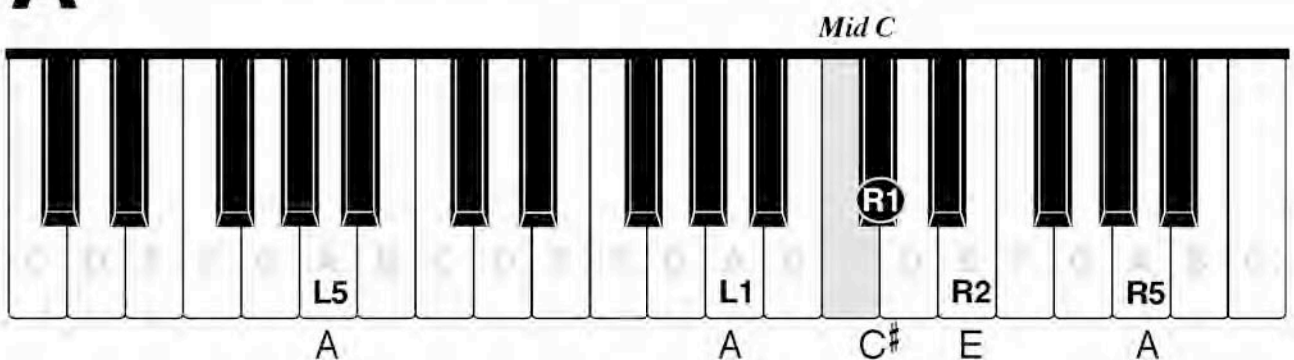
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E



A

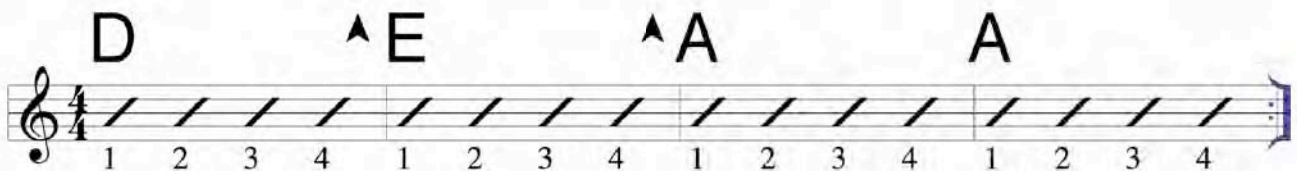
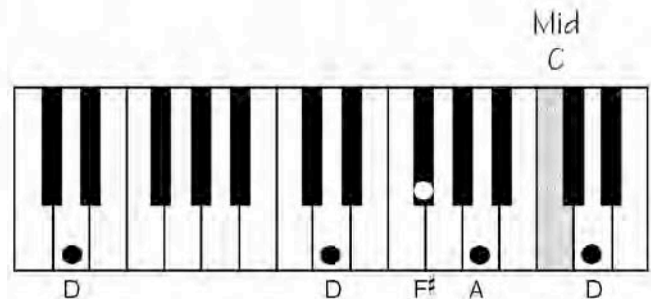




Now try the *Black Thumb Jam*.

As with all these jam sessions it's best not to attempt anything new until you have mastered the previous one (in this case - *White Key Jam*).

This is your starting chord - D



TIP
If the CD is too fast turn it off - and practise until you feel up to it.

