

McNally Strumstick® Chord Changer Wheel Instructions

Find A Million Songs on the internet!

Do a Google search for “*Song Title* chords” (using the *title* of your favorite song) and you’ll find a dozen versions. Enter “*Song Title* easy chords” and you’ll find a half dozen more. BUT they will be Guitar or Ukulele chords, not Strumstick chords.

Chord Changer Wheel to the Rescue!

This simple device shifts the Name of the chords from whatever Guitar key they are in to good old Key of D. the main Strumstick key.

* See what "Key" means below, if that word is unfamiliar.)

** The Wheel can also shift chords from key of D to key of G, for G Strumstick players.

In Detail How to Use it:

- **Find** chords to a song you like, searching on the internet. Probably It’s in some unfamiliar key with strange guitar chords. It’s not made for your D Strumstick (or G Strumstick) boo-hoo hoo!.
- **Jot** down the several chords in the song, on paper (suggest print out the words with chords)
- **Rotate** the rear wheel until you see the group of chords you just wrote down in the blue window.
- **See** right above the **Blue chords** you selected are the **Red chords** to on your D Strumstick. Yay!
- **Pencil** in the **Strumstick** chords on paper, substituting for the **original** chords, and strum away, happy, happy!

NOTE: The 6 most important chords are shown at the top of the wheel, in Key of D (Red) and in whatever key the rotating disk is set to (Blue). In addition, we list the 4 next most likely chords in the little window at the bottom. See Fig.1



For example, using **Fig 1**

Suppose the *Song Chords* you found are **Ab** , **C#** , **Eb** and **Fm**, as shown in the blue window.

The **Strumstick Chords** are:

Ab becomes **D**

C# becomes **G**

Eb becomes **A**

Fm becomes **Bm**

Fig.1

Everywhere in the song it originally called for an **Ab** chord, you write in a **D** chord. Everywhere you see **Fm**, write in **Bm**, ETC. Find the fingerings for **D**, **G**, **A** and **Bm** at the *Strumstick Chord Diagrams* page at www.strumstick.com

*** For the Curious and Unafraid: What does Key mean?**

Key is like *Team*. A bunch of baseball players make up a team. Different teams have different names (Yankees, Red Sox...) but they have the same positions on the team (pitcher, catcher, etc.). If you think "*Team*" when you read the word "*Key*", that's about it. A *team* of notes (in certain positions called *scales*) makes a *Key*, and the *Key* gets its name from the first note of the team. The notes in a *Key* (team) occupy different positions called *scales*. The starting note of the scale gives its name to the scale (or team, or *Key*). There will also be certain chords most often used in each key, so we will say "the chords for Key of E, or the chords for Key of D"



Change from D chords to G chords

You can also use the Chord Wheel to change chords from key of D (D Strumstick Chords) to key of G (Chords to use on G Strumstick). See Fig. 2

As you can see here, a **D (red)** becomes a **G (Blue)**, a **red A** becomes a **blue D**, and a **red G** becomes a **blue C**. A **Red Bm** becomes a **blue Em**

Play chords G,D,C, Em on G Strumstick.

Fig. 2

The Chord Changer Wheel is FREE
(download it, print on paper, cut out two pieces, put it together. Instructions included.)
Or \$17 assembled, postage included. See www.strumstick.com

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