Moveable Chords

#TenThumbsBluesChallenge - Day 8



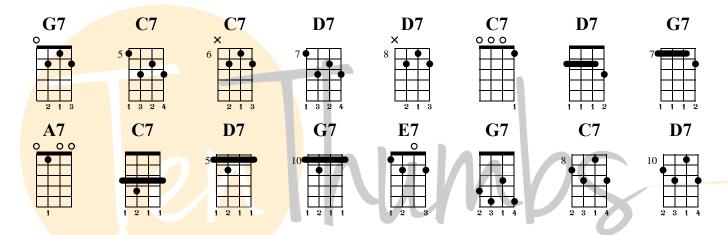
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Key: G

Chords needed: G7, C7, D7

BPM: Any

Video Tutorial: Chord Shapes:



*You have two options for D7, the easy "Hawaiian D7" or the barre chord, depending on your level. If the barre is too hard now try and make it a goal to incorporate it over the course of the challenge.

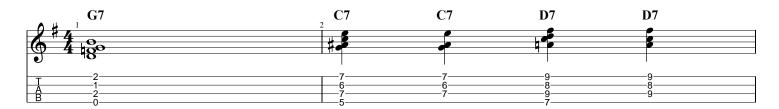
The chord progression review

Each / represents one beat in 4/4 time

Strum Pattern for lesson

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1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & |
D DU UDU |
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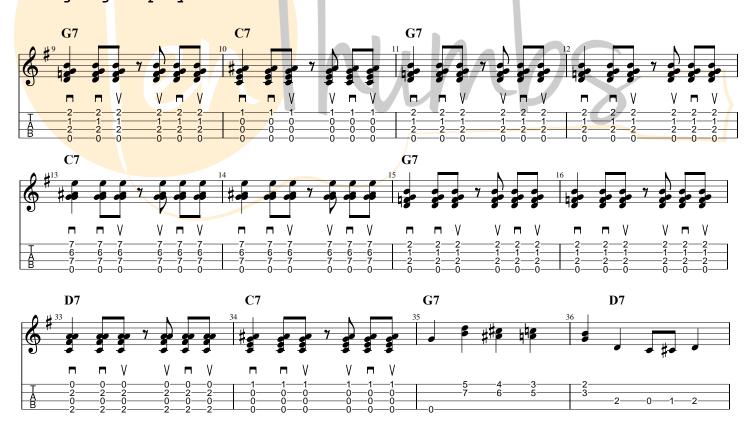
All chords are moveable, they are really just shapes and wherever you play them on the fretboard creates a different chord. That might seem a little confusing but we are going to illustrate this with the G7 shape.



You can see here that where we play the G7 creates different sounds, or chords. When you move the G7 shape up to the 7th fret it becomes a C7. Note the tabs sometimes play the G string and sometimes don't. That is because the shape is significantly easier without playing the G string. You can use your thumb to mute the G string.

We are going to use this one shape to create an easier 12 bar with moveable shapes.

This 12 bar will work for your #TenThumbsBluesChallenge entry, but we are also going to play a harder version as well.

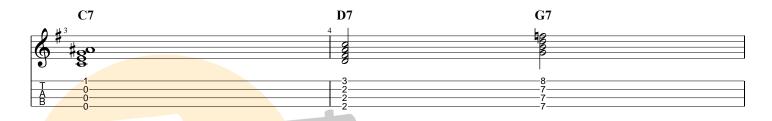


Here the only difference is bars 5 and 6 where we move the G7 shape up. Note the open G string, this works because the C7 chord has a G note, C-E-G-Bb, that only works if the chord you are playing has a G note. Otherwise you need to mute the G string.

So, what other chords can we move? ALL OF THEM! That is the cool part, so lets look at some shapes you are familiar with, learn how to move them and make a more complete 12 bar with multiple chord shapes. NOTE moving shapes means you will need to play barre chords. If you can't play barre chords today is a great day to learn.

The C7 Shape - This one is great and works with all the chords from our key.

The root note for this shape is the C string, if you know that you can play it on any fret.



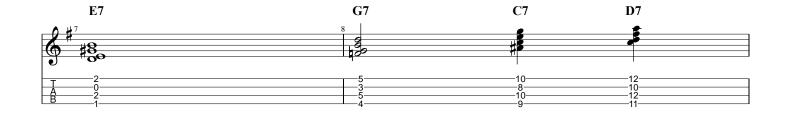
The A7 shape - Note here the G7 shape isn't very practical.

The root note for this shape is on the A string.



The E7 Shape - Note here the C7 and D7 shapes aren't very practical.

The root note for this note is on the E string, and although this isn't really a barre chord, it is a four finger chord, and four finger chords can be very tricky. Try and practice the E7 with your middle, ring and pinky fingers so you can move it up the fretboard easier.



Lets put it together in a more complicated 12 bar.

- Bars 3 and 4 are a G7 based on the E7 shape
- Bars 5 and 6 are a C7 based on the G7 shape
- Bars 7 and 8 are a G7 based on the C7 shape
- Bars 9 and 10 are a D7 and C7 based on the A7 shape
- Bars 11 and 12 are the turnaround riff, you can use any turnaround riff you want here.

