

The Major Triads

ROOT

F#A#C# G#B#D#
C#E#G#

D#F#A# E#G#B#
A#C#E#

B#D#F#

b ROOT

FAC CEG GBD

DF#A AC#E EG#B

BD#F#

b ROOT

FbAbCb GbBbDb
CbEbGb

DbFbAb AbCEb EbGBb

BbDF

To make other triads, start with a *major* triad (e.g., FAC) and add accidentals to...

...lower the 3rd to make a *minor* triad. FAC → FA^bC, etc.

...lower the 3rd and the 5th to make a *diminished* triad. FAC → FA^bC^b, etc.

...OR raise the ROOT to make a *diminished* triad. FAC → F[#]AC, etc.

...raise the 5th (only) to make an *augmented* triad. FAC → FAC[#], etc.