

Lesson Two

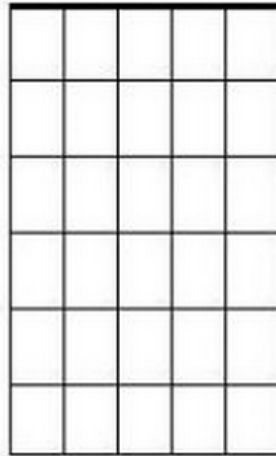
A-shaped Barre Chords

Why is it called an A-shaped barre chord?

Minor Barre Chord

Step One

Play open A minor



Step Two

Use fingers 2, 3, and 4



Step Three

Move shape so 2nd finger is on 7th fret

Step Four

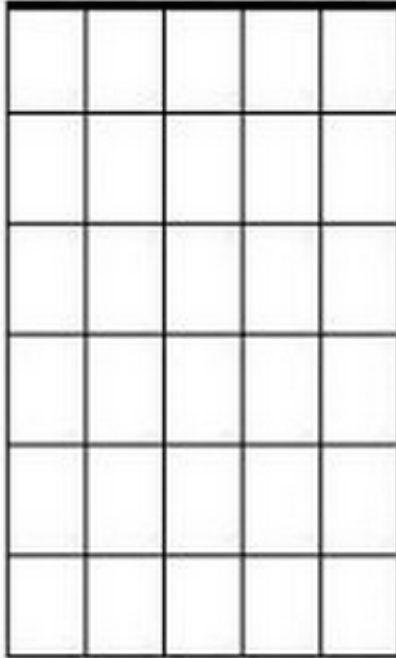
Use first finger to apply barre



STOP! Check:

- Close to frets?
- First knuckle?
- Doorknob?
- Tall fingers?
- Hugging guitar?
- Using arm strength?

Chord composition



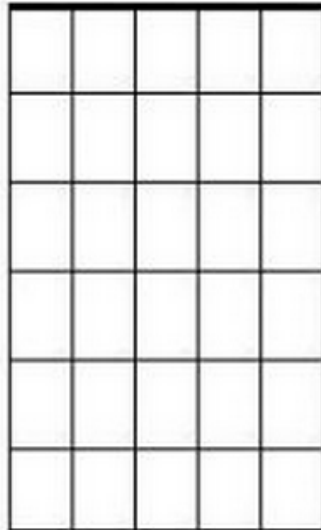
Exercise:

Gradually move this chord toward the nut

Major Barre Chord

Step One

Play open A major



Step Two

Use fingers 2, 3, and 4



Step Three

Move shape so 2nd, 3rd, and 4th fingers are on 8th fret

Step Four

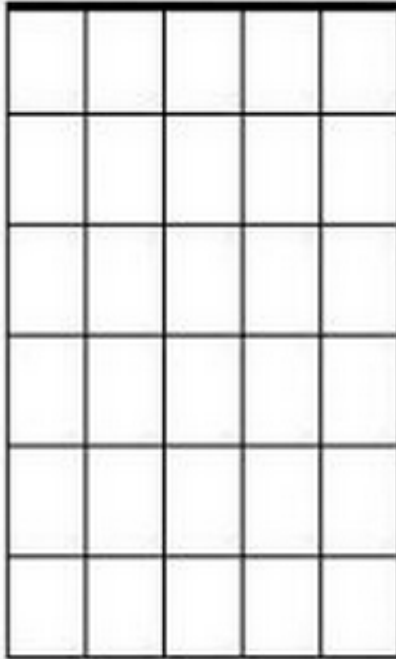
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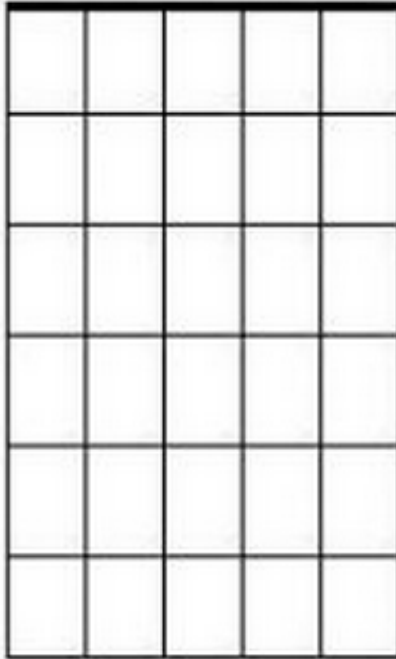
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Chord fingering (option 2)



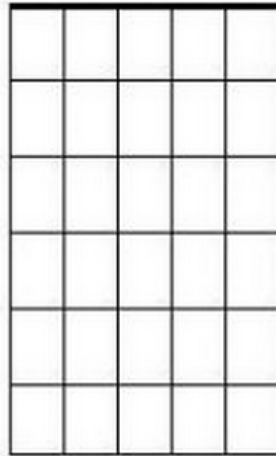
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7th Barre Chord

Step One

Play open A 7



Step Two

Use fingers 3 and 4



Step Three

Move shape so 3rd and 4th fingers are on 8th fret

Step Four

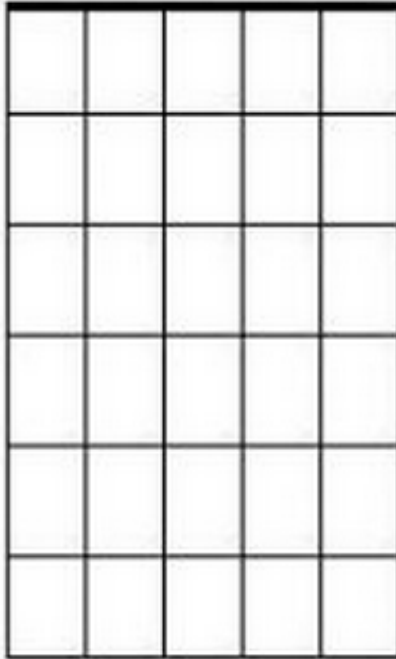
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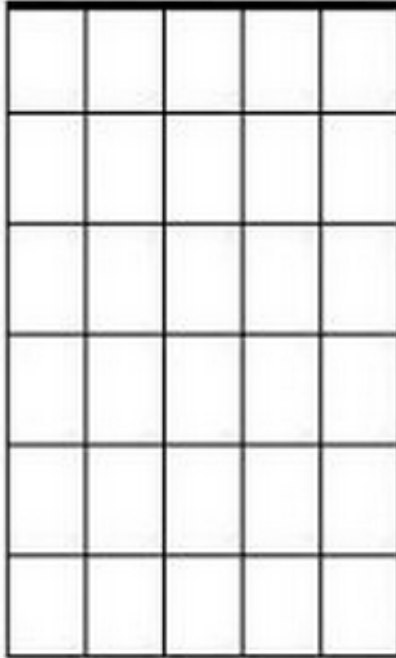
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Practice tips

- Go string by string
- Take breaks

Practice frames

