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How to find 11th Chords from minor7th Chords (Piano, Keyboard and Organ)

By Michael David Shaw

When starting to learn chords, most people will start with the basic major and minor chords, then on to 7th and minor 7th chords. You might be surprised to learn that when you have mastered all twelve minor 7th chords you have also potentially learned twenty-four 11th chords.

I love the sound of 11th chords; they somehow manage to give a big sound and are great for key changes. If you want to listen to good examples of 11th chords then listen to some early Barry Manilow music such as *Even Now*, *Mandy* and *Cant smile without you*. Listen in particular to the key changes and there you have a good big sounding example of 11th chords in action.

So how to find the 11th chord from a minor 7th chord. First, learn all twelve minor 7th chords. Second, make sure you know where the fifth in any chord is. For example, the fifth in Gm7 is D \flat , which is seven semitones from the root. (G \flat root to D \flat fifth is seven semitones)

Now you are ready to play an 11th chord. Let's use G11 as our example. First work out what the fifth is in a G chord, the answer is D \flat , then make that D \flat , a Dm7 chord and most importantly play a G \flat bass note or pedal. So G11 = Dm7 with a G \flat bass.

Here are some more examples:

Chord Name = C11

Find the Fifth = G

Make it Minor = Gm7 (with a C bass note)

Chord Name = F11

Find the Fifth = C

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For the more technical minded. Let's look more closely at the structure of the 11th chord. If we use C11 as our example,

ROOT = C (played as a bass note or pedal)

THIRD = not used

FIFTH = G

SEVENTH = Bb

NINTH = D

ELEVENTH = F

Notice the root is always played as a bass note or bass pedal. This note is very important and also helps the chord sound BIG. Try it.

You should also notice that the third is not used. This means that our C11 can also be Cm11 because; the only difference between a major chord and a minor chord is the third.

So there you have it. Twelve major 11th chords, twelve minor 11th chords. That's a total of twenty-four 11th chords from twelve minor 7th chords.

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What Can A Free Piano Chord Chart Do For You?

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When you have successfully learned chords and scales, you will better be able to master playing the piano and other instruments. This is because once you know the basic musical chords, you can play music on any instrument including the keyboard, guitar, and other stringed instruments. All it takes is a few chords and you will be on your way to playing all types of music. Having the right free piano chord chart to help you learn makes all the difference.

The piano is a staple in all genres of music. Not only is it one of the most popular and universal instruments, the piano produces a lovely sound. This means that no matter what notes and chords you play, the sound will be one of traditional beauty. Once you've learned the basic structure of the songs you want to play, you will easily be able to play for others in no time.

To the untrained eye, the piano can seem like an intimidating instrument to learn. However, this can't be further from the truth. When you have the right tools to help you develop and polish your skills, the piano can be an easy pursuit. One of the most important elements is having a free piano chord chart to help you master the right chords for every song. Chords are the foundation that will give you the ability to play any music you like.

The piano is an incredibly popular instrument played by everyone from classical geniuses to rock stars. The piano is used not only in classical settings such as orchestras and symphonies, but in chamber music and jazz as well. You may find the piano as the star of the show in a local jazz performance. Gospel and pop music is also very popular to play on the piano. And when you know the right chords, playing any type of music is even easier.

A free piano chord chart will help you keep track of those chords you need to know in order to learn and play any song. It can also help you master note placement and scales. Once you master the chords, the world of music will be at your fingertips.

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