

Changing Key Examples

Example 1

I IV V progression

G C D G

mf

Change IV chord (C) to minor

G Cm D G

Melody / Solo over top

G C D G

G Cm D G

Example 2

I II m V progression

G Am C G

Change IIIm chord (Am) to Major

Chord progression: G, A, C, G. The treble clef staff shows a melody of eighth notes. The guitar TAB shows fingerings: G (5 4 3 3 4 5), A (7 6 5 5 6 7), C (5 5 5 5 5 5), G (5 4 3 3 4 5).

Melody / Solo over top

Chord progression: G, Am, C, G. The treble clef staff shows a melody of eighth notes. The guitar TAB shows fingerings: G (5 4 5), Am (3 5 3), Am (5 7 5 7 5 7), C (5 4 5 5 3 5), G (3 5 4 5 4 2).

Chord progression: G, A, C, G. The treble clef staff shows a melody of eighth notes. The guitar TAB shows fingerings: G (5 4 5), A (3 5 3), A (5 7 6 7 6 7), C (5 4 5 5 3 5), G (3 5 4 5 4 2).

Example 3

I IIIIm IV progression

Chord progression: G, Bm, C, G. The treble clef staff shows a melody of eighth notes. The guitar TAB shows fingerings: G (5 4 3 3 4 5), Bm (4 4 3 3 4 4), C (5 5 5 5 5 5), G (5 4 3 3 4 5).

Change IIIIm chord (Bm) to Major

Chord progression: G, B, C, G. The treble clef staff shows a melody of eighth notes. The guitar TAB shows fingerings: G (5 4 3 3 4 5), B (4 4 4 4 4 4), C (5 5 5 5 5 5), G (5 4 3 3 4 5).

Melody / Solo over top

Chord progression: G, Bm, C, G. The treble clef staff shows a melody of eighth notes. The guitar TAB shows fingerings: G (3 2 3), G (3 5 3), Bm (3 4 2 4 2 4), C (5 4 5 5 3 5), G (3 5 4 5 4 2).

G B C G

3 5 3
5 4 5

4 4 2 4 2 4

3 1 2 3 1 3
5 4 5 5 3 5

3 5 4 5 4 2

Example 4

G is G Major (key of G)

G

3 3 4 5
5 4 3 3 4 5

3 3 4 5
5 4 3 3 4 5

3 3 4 5
5 4 3 3 4 5

3 3 4 5
5 4 3 3 4 5

G is G Minor (key of Bb)

Gm

3 3 3 3 3 5
5 3 3 3 3 5

3 3 3 3 3 5
5 3 3 3 3 5

3 3 3 3 3 5
5 3 3 3 3 5

3 3 3 3 3 5
5 3 3 3 3 5

G is G Major (key of C)

G7

2 1 3 4 5
5 4 6 6 4 5

2 1 3 4 5
5 4 6 6 4 5

2 1 3 4 5
5 4 6 6 4 5

2 1 3 4 5
5 4 6 6 4 5

G is G Diminished (key of Ab)

Gdim

4 2 1 3 4 5
5 3 2 2 3 5

4 2 1 3 4 5
5 3 2 2 3 5

4 2 1 3 4 5
5 3 2 2 3 5

4 2 1 3 4 5
5 3 2 2 3 5

Melody / Solo over top

G

2 1 2 1 2 1
5 4 5 4 5 3

2 1 2 1 2 1
5 4 5 4 5 4

2 1 2 1 2 1
5 3 5 3 5 4

2 1 2 1 2 1
5 4 5 4 5 4

Gm

G7

Gdim

Example 5

Lick in Key of G

Lick in Key of Bb

Lick in Key of C

Lick in Key of Ab