



SIMPLIFIED CHORD CHARTS CHEAT SHEET

How to simplify a song to its foundational structure

What to Cut	EXAMPLE	
	Before	After
Numbers	D7	D
	A2	A
	F6	F
Abbreviations	Csus	C
	Gmaj	G
	Edim	E
Bass notes	E/G#	E
	G/D	G
	Am/C	Am

NOTE: Changing Chords Within a Family

If you find a chord in a song that isn't one of the 6 chords within the chord family, try changing that chord to its nearest relative that *is* in the family. For example, if you are playing a song in the key of E, and the song has an F# chord in it, try changing that F# to an F#m, which is in the E chord family, and see if the song still works. Most cases it does.

However, some songs are so far outside of a normal musical scale, that it cannot be simplified without changing the song completely.

But don't worry, there are thousands of songs to choose from that can be simplified.