

Guitar: CAGED

Music

Five chord shapes that connect to cover the entire fretboard.

Every major chord can be played in five places, using the five open shapes moved up.

1

C shape

The open C form, barred. Root on string 5.

2

A shape

Next up the neck. Root on string 5.

3

G shape

Awkward but useful for arpeggios. Root on string 6.

4

E shape

The standard barre chord. Root on string 6.

5

D shape

Highest of the five. Root on string 4, then it repeats.

C MAJOR, ALL FIVE

C shape at fret 1

A shape at fret 3

G shape at fret 5

E shape at fret 8

D shape at fret 10

Each shape's scale pattern connects to the next. CAGED is really a map of the fretboard, not five chords.