



BEAUTIFY Your Chord Progressions

Chords: C - Dm - Em - F - G - Am - Bdim

Color: Cmaj7 -Dm7 -Em7 -Fmaj7 - G7- Am7 -Bbdim7

Materials: [Chord Chart](#) | [Key Chords](#)

Procedure:

1. *Choose your chord progression based on key. Consider some barre chords and chords in the higher register of the neck.*
2. *Learn more colorful versions of those chords. Start with major 7th, minor 7th, and dominant 7th chords.*
3. *Choose more interesting strumming patterns. 3/4 patterns like **DDUDU** immediately bring more feel to the progression.*
4. *Add accents and apply dynamics to the strumming patterns.*
5. *Experiment and have some fun!*

Practice Exercises:

Strum: **D** DU DU DU = **1, 2 & 3 & 4 &**

I vi IV V

1. Basic: C (1x) - Am (1x) - F (1x) - G7 (1x)

(0002) - (0453) - (5557) (4535)

Beautified: Cmaj7 - Am7 - Fmaj7 - G7

Strum: **D** DU DU = **1, 2 &, 3 &**

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2. Basic: Dm (1x) - G7 (1x) - C (2x) - Bdim7 (1212)

(2213) (0212) (0002) (0101)

Beautified: Dm7 - G7 - Cmaj7 - Bbdim7

3. Create a 4 chord progression in the Key of C