INTRODUCTION

The Kyser Short-Cut™ capo is truly limited only by imagination. Whether you’re a beginner or an expert guitar player, the Short-Cut™ is an extremely useful tool.

If you are new to the guitar, the fingerings are easy to learn. If you already play guitar, you’ll notice the fingerings are modified versions of the “D,” “A,” and “G” chord shapes.
Place the Short-Cut™ capo on the 2nd Fret. Use your #2 (middle) finger to play each of these chords. Strum all six strings.

Simple E

Simple A
(or F#m)

Simple B
KEY OF E

Place the Short-Cut™ on the 2nd Fret

E

F#m

A

C#m

B

E/G#
**Key of A**

Place the Short-Cut™ on the 2nd Fret

- A
- D
- E

- Bm
- C#m
- A/C#
How Does This Work?

The Kyser Short-Cut™ capo “creates” the alternate tuning, DADGAD in the key of “E” (EBEABE). When an alternate tuning is used, the chords available are limited to the new tuning. So, in the first position (2nd fret), we can easily play in the keys of “E” and “A.” Since the strings are still tuned to standard tuning, barre chords can still be used.

Playing Different Keys?

To play in a different key, add a 6-string capo two frets behind the Short-Cut™ capo. The keys will go up in half-step increments. Use the chart on the next page to help you transpose.
# Transposing

## Playing in different keys

This chart will explain transposing in general. (Ex. plan an “A” chord with a 6-string capo on fret 3 and you’ll **HEAR** a “C” chord)

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**Transposing with the Short-Cut™ Capo**

Keep in mind that you’ll be transposing the keys of “E” and “A”

Example: place a 6-string capo on fret 3 and the Short-Cut™ on fret 5. “E” becomes “G” and “A” becomes “C” and so on.

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<td>0 Bb 1/3 B 2/4 C 3/5 C# 4/6 D 5/7 Eb 6/8 E 7/9 F 8/10</td>
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<td>0 C 1/3 C# 2/4 D 3/5 Eb 4/6 E 5/7 F 6/8 F# 7/9 G 8/10</td>
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<td>C#m</td>
<td>0 Dm 1/3 Ebm 2/4 Em 3/5 Fm 4/6 F#m 5/7 Gm 6/8 G#m 7/9 Am 8/10</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>0 Eb 1/3 E 2/4 F 3/5 F# 4/6 G 5/7 G# 6/8 A 7/9 Bb 8/10</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>0 F 1/3 F# 2/4 G 3/5 G# 4/6 A 5/7 Bb 6/8 B 7/9 C 8/10</td>
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**Additional Chords**

- D2
- Dsus2
- Dm9
- D9
- DM7 (or D6)
- B7
- Bsus/A
- Bm7
- Asus
- A/G
- Am7
- A7
- Am9
- AM7
- A6
Additional Chords

B/D#  G  F#m7  Dsus2  E/B

Explore New Chords
LET THE KYSER® SHORT-CUT™
PLAY THAT SONG FOR YOU.
The Kyser® Short-Cut™ opens up a world of tuning possibilities.

"I have been a fan of Kyser® capos for many years now. The Kyser® Short-Cut capo is a simple way to hear your guitar in a whole new way. I always find new melodies when I use my Kyser® Short-Cut."
— CHRIS TOMLIN —

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