Triads Handout

Memorize the pitch spellings for each major and minor triad across all root categories (natural, sharp, and flat). Internalizing these letter combinations will help you construct and analyze harmonies instantly without relying on staff visualization.

Major Triads

starting on natural notes				starting on flat notes				starting on sharp notes		
A	C♯	E		A♭	C	E♭		A♯	C𝄪	E♯
B	D♯	F♯		B♭	D	F		B♯	D𝄪	F𝄪
C	E	G		C♭	E♭	G♭		C♯	E♯	G♯
D	F♯	A		D♭	F	A♭		D♯	F𝄪	A♯
E	G♯	B		E♭	G	B♭		E♯	G𝄪	B♯
F	A	C		F♭	A♭	C♭		F♯	A♯	C♯
G	B	D		G♭	B♭	D♭		G♯	B♯	D♯

Minor Triads

starting on natural notes				starting on flat notes				starting on sharp notes		
A	C	E		A♭	C♭	E♭		A♯	C♯	E♯
B	D	F♯		B♭	D♭	F		B♯	D♯	F𝄪
C	E♭	G		C♭	E𝄫	G♭		C♯	E	G♯
D	F	A		D♭	F♭	A♭		D♯	F♯	A♯
E	G	B		E♭	G♭	B♭		E♯	G♯	B♯
F	A♭	C		F♭	A𝄫	C♭		F♯	A	C♯
G	B♭	D		G♭	B𝄫	D♭		G♯	B	D♯

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