



Magic Wand

(A much more exciting name than “Linear Circle of 5ths”)

- Write the order of the sharps:
(Remember: Fat Cats Go Down Alleys Eating Bacon)

F C G D A E B

- Draw a box around those letters. This box will help you remember the order of sharps and flats. Plus, all the key names inside the box do not use a #/ b as part of their name.

F C G D A E B

- Complete the pattern again on either side of the box until you get to C.

C G D A E B F C G D A E B F C

- Add # to the letters on the right and b to the letters on the left.

C^b G^b D^b A^b E^b B^b F C G D A E B F[#] C[#]

- We know that the C scale has NO # and NO b. Write a 0 above C.

C⁰ G^b D^b A^b E^b B^b F C G D A E B F[#] C[#]

- Now add numbers to all the other letters.

7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
C^b G^b D^b A^b E^b B^b F C G D A E B F[#] C[#]

- Ta-Dah!!

- How to use the Magic Wand:

- Find the letter of the scale/key you are looking for.
- Look above that letter to know the number of #/ b in that key.
- Follow the order of sharps in the box (flats start with B and go in reverse order) to know which notes are sharp or flat in the scale.
- You can start with the number of sharps or flats, go to that number on the correct side of the Magic Wand to locate the name of the Major scale/key.

