

## Finding Harmonies in a Minor Key

Once you know the notes in a minor key, you will likely want to find the harmonies as well. We can find chords in a minor key using this formula:

**i ii° III iv v VI VII i**

*The uppercase roman numerals represent major chords.*

*The lowercase roman numerals represent minor chords.*

*The ° symbol represents a diminished chord.*

Let's look at an example. Suppose we want to find all of the chords in the key of C minor.

There are just two steps to accomplish this.

- 1. After finding the pitches in a key using the Minor Scale Formula, align the Minor Key Chord Formula beneath those pitches:**

C D Eb F G Ab Bb C

i ii° III iv v VI VII i

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- 2. Fill in the names of the chords based on the formula:**

Cm D° Eb Fm Gm Ab Bb Cm

i ii° III iv v VI VII i

That's it! Now you can find the harmonies in any key you like following the same steps! Try finding chords in new keys on your own to practice your knowledge!