



Colour-Coding Chords

1. Colour coding helps your eye find the chords on your pans/guitars/glockenspiels more quickly.
2. This is especially helpful on steel pans because the notes are [with maybe two honourable exceptions] not arranged in any logical order of pitch.
3. This is especially helpful on steel pans if you are new to them or have just been shifted off your favourite.
4. Colour-coding helps you learn the notes in the chords by constantly reinforcing the correct ones. Eg, "Oh it's dotted purple, I must be right"
5. Colour coding gives you the choice of notes to play.
6. Colour-coding helps you if you forget the notes of any given chord.
7. When you are ready you can abandon using the colours.
8. If you want to, you can use colours all your musical life. It is not a sin. It means you will always play in reasonable harmony with the rest of the band.
9. Colour-coding does not replace learning the notes in the chords
10. Colour-blind people don't have colour-coding as an option. They have to learn the notes.

Enjoy your chords, however you find them. V Jaquiss.

Foxwood Songsheets

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Foxwood Songsheets -

a deliberately imprecise system of musical notation which...

1. Limits given written information to a bare minimum
2. Supports the aural tradition, allows for personal interpretation
3. Enables a mixed ability class to learn a piece of music much more quickly than either the aural/visual tradition or conventional western notation.

Foxwood Songsheets are...

- especially useful for steel pans, piano, glockenspiels, xylophones and chime bars
- for use with groups of all and mixed abilities, and all and mixed ages
- uncomplicated enough for students to teach themselves
- designed to provide minimal musical information
- designed for any and many interpretations
- designed to support the aural tradition
- aesthetically pleasing
- irritatingly successful
- tried and tested
- demystifying
- user friendly
- empowering



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SONG:

RHYTHM SHEET FOR FOXWOOD SONGSHEETS

Chords

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