Guitar Chord Chart for Drop C Tuning

This is the base Drop C tuning chart for each string:

Next, we'll walk through the neck positions for the chords you'll find in your rock songs. Each has a guitar chord chart so you can "eyeball" it easily. Let's start with the open chord C Major.

Drop C is going to give you an even deeper, darker tone and feel to your music. You will find Drop C being used by metal bands such as Shadows Fall, Chimaira, Children of Bodom, Atreyu and Escape the Fate, to name a few.

Technically, this tuning for Drop C is incorrect. To correctly tune to Drop C you would tune to Standard (E, A, D, G, B, e) and drop low E to C (C, A, D, G, B, e). Here it is to the left.

As it stands though, what I'm covering here is the most recognized Drop C tuning.

Some Background

To get your guitar tuned to Drop C, simply tune to Drop D but then tune down an additional whole step (two frets) on each string. Here's what you get:

1. From Drop D (D, A, D, G, B, e), tune string 6 down a full step to C. Now your strings are tuned like this: C, A, D, G, B, e
2. Tune the fifth string (A) down a full step to G: C, G, D, G, B, e
3. Tune the fourth string (D) down a full step to C: C, G, C, G, B, e
4. Third string (G) down a full step to F: C, G, C, F, B, e
5. The second string (B) is now tuned down a full step to A: C, G, C, F, A, e
6. Finally, the e string (first) is tuned down to D: C, G, C, F, A, D

Time to get to it with C Major in Drop C!
C Major

The easiest **Drop C** guitar chord chart. Just play the **top three strings open** (C, G, C). If you want, you can mute the bottom three strings (F, A, d), but you don't need to.

You can also play the C chord at the **Drop C** barred position on the fifth fret, but now you can **play the sixth string open** (instead of muted) for a deeper tone.

D Major

For the D Major chord, barre the top three strings at the **second fret** with your index finger. Don’t worry about playing the bottom strings. Think of these as power chords in **Drop C**.
**E Major**

For E Major, simply move your index finger to the fourth fret for the top three strings.

**F Major**

F Major is the same three strings at the fifth fret.
G Major

OK, are you getting the pattern yet? Yup, move up to the seventh fret for the G Major.

A Major

Index finger across the ninth fret for A Major.
Last but not least is **B** Major at the **eleventh fret**.

As you can see, pretty simple to play these **Drop C** chords. Of course, you can get a lot more intricate, but again, the purpose behind these chord charts is to get you playing quickly with the easiest chords.

As you get better, I fully expect you to begin learning more difficult chords and experimenting with your ax. But for now, it’s a lot more fun to actually be able to play these and learn some songs. Rock it out!