

Example of Pasing Notes

Passing notes are the notes that occur between the chord notes. In the key of C the passing notes are D, F, A and B.

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In a minor key there are more potential passing notes as the melodic form of a minor scale has a raised sixth and seventh then a lowered sixth and seventh. Passing notes are F# between E and G, A between G and G, C# or C natural and D# and D natural as the notes directly after the chord note of B and directly before the chord note of E.

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Note the use of chromatic passing notes in the left hand