

The Circle of Fifths/Fourths

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An interesting way of presenting key signatures and how one can remember them is shown in the picture below called *The Circle of Fifths/Fourths*. By studying this picture one quickly learns that as a key signature gains a sharp, the key it represents is raised by a fifth. In much the same way, by adding flats to a key signature, the key a key signature represents is raised by a fourth. See below and note that the same relationship exists for the relative minors, as well.

