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SIMPLE ARRANGEMENT

Lesson 1 - Loops

The quickest way to learn about composition is to jump straight in. Quality loops provide us with the tools we need to build simple musical pieces. Explore the loop library and arrange the samples from a genre to create a song. Get comfortable Navigating Garageband's software tools and arrange pages. Create simple songs in various styles and become a budding music producer.

Lesson 2 - Arrangement

Composing with loops is an easy way to learn about what sounds good and which instrument timbres compliment each other. Create a piece that fuses various genres. Learn about song shape and build an AB song form to give shape to your piece. Learn to mix like a DJ and blend your samples to create a unified sound.

Lesson 3 - Sonwriting

Create you own drum patterns using the Autodrum and virtual drummer. Create a rhythm unique to your song. Navigate the loop browser using various search tools to find samples that compliment your rhythm tracks. Now that we have these skills, lets focus on creating a longer and more complex musical piece. Build an intro, verse and chorus. Finally use music production tools to edit your arrangement.

Lesson 4 - Studio Drummer

Its time to develop live play skills. Become a studio drummer, write, play and record your own drum track. We can create an original drum loop using the softwares 'smart record' mechanism. Use your sense of time and rhythm with the live drums to set the groove. Build your arrangement on top using a blend of instruments. Engage your production skills, by experimenting with effects like reverb and echo.

Lesson 5 - Final Track

Lets use our new abilities to create our final piece. Use the live drums, virtual drums or autodrum to lay a foundation. Utilise the loops to build a rich accompaniment. Finally write, play and record your own melody. Using the 'scale' feature we can sound like a pro. Add you own soaring melodies to complete your final composition. Learn how to save and store your file. It's now ready for post production.

Lesson 6 - Post production

Access our saved files and make some final touches to our arrangements. Use the "song form" feature to loop and develop your arrangement. Change the tempo, and add effects. Explore the remaining instruments in Garageband such as the smart guitar or smart strings and enjoy playing along with your track. Balance your mix and share with the class. Lets listen to and appraise each song, then vote for our favourite song.