



SEQUENCING DRUMS USING THE DRUM MACHINE

Ideal for beginners - Face to face or online. Ideal device - desktop laptop computer. ✓

Starting point - understanding the timeline and basic mixing. ✓

Use the Bandlab drum machine to sequence different drum patterns.

- Begin by opening a new project and choose drum machine.
- Experiment with placement of drum sounds on the drum machine grid.
- Make a contrasting sequence in drum machine pattern B.
- Experiment with looping the drum machine sequences in the timeline.

What we did...

- We set up a new project in bandlab and chose the drum machine.
- We learnt that to sequence a typical drum pattern we have 8 even hi hats placed across the drum machine grid. With a bass drum in the first box of each light grey block and a snare drum in the first box of each dark grey block.
- We then played around with changing parts of our drum pattern.
- We added less traditional sounds to our drum beat like hand claps.
- After finalising our drum sequence we arranged them how we wanted them in the project timeline.
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Challenges...

- Figuring out a typical drum pattern was quite tricky.
- Making a drum pattern that sounded like our favourite music was difficult at first.
- Arranging the beats and bars was difficult.

Success stories...

- Managing to create a drum pattern that we could use for a song.
- Changing pattern B to make our drum sequencing more interesting and creative.
- Being creative with the drum sounds to make unique beats.

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