

CREATE YOUR FIRST EDM BEAT

How To Create Your First EDM Track In 7 Steps



Step 1 Research!

Research is crucial in the early stages of creating an EDM production as you need to provide yourself with a clear direction for your composition.

- Listen to 5 songs from different genres (If you don't know where to start, There's heaps of suggestions in the [EDM STYLES](#) resource)
- Rank these 5 pieces from your favourite to least favorite, writing down an element you like from each piece
- Select the Genre/Style of the piece you like the most, or if you're feeling like a challenge, merge two genres together to create your own hybrid genre.



Step 2 Select a DAW

Different Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs) are good for different reasons to their unique features, capabilities, and user interfaces. Musicians, producers, and engineers have diverse needs and preferences, and DAWs cater to those variations. Some DAWs excel in specific areas like MIDI sequencing, audio recording, mixing, or sound design. Moreover, compatibility with different plugins, hardware, and third-party software can influence a choice. Ultimately, the ideal DAW depends on an individual's workflow, genre, and technical requirements.

Visit the [Digital Audio Workstation Recommendations](#) Resource to find out what the best DAW for you.



Step 3 Create a Rhythmic Foundation

In all EDM genres, the kick and snare are fundamental in creating a so called 'Rhythmic foundation' for the piece. Listen back to your chosen genre, where does the kick and snare land? Visit the [5 ESSENTIAL EDM DRUM PATTERNS](#) resource to learn more about making your very first drumbeat.

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Step 4 Add Chords and Melody

Chords and melody are crucial in EDM production as they provide the harmonic and melodic foundation of a track. They establish the emotional tone, engage the listener, and create memorable hooks. Strong chords and melodies drive the composition, making the music more captivating, emotionally resonant, and danceable. Visit the [5 EDM CHORD PROGRESSIONS](#) resource to learn more!

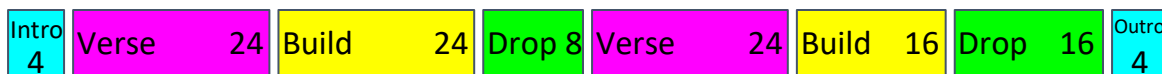
Step 5 Layering and Sound Design

Layer Sounds: Experiment with layering different drum sounds to create a fuller and more unique beat. For example, layering multiple snares or adding additional percussion elements.

Sound Design: Modify and shape individual drum sounds using effects like EQ, compression, and reverb to achieve the desired timbre and character of your chosen genre.

Step 6 Structure and Variation

Structure: Organize your beat into a structure, typically with different sections like intros, verses, choruses, and bridges.



Variation: Introduce variations and fills to maintain interest. This can include changing drum patterns, adding or removing elements, and altering the dynamics.

Groove and Swing: Apply groove and swing settings to add human-like feel and rhythm to your beat.

Step 7 Finalise and Release!

Once you've completed all these steps, listen to your track and make adjustments. Once you're happy with what you've made, put your music out into the world! Some DAWs have their own sharing services, but if yours doesn't, SoundCloud has a free upload system where you can release your tracks and share it with your family and friends. If you do upload this track, make sure to send us the link info@musicedu.com.au so we can have a listen and support you!

Now go out and make some music!