

Creating Your Own Song

Creating your own songs is fun, and something you can do again and again. You will enjoy doing it and other people will love hearing it.

Step 1:

Choose four chords out of the chords that you know. You can repeat this process to change your set of four chords any time you like, and they don't have to all be different. For example, you could choose:

Em C G D

Or Em C Em D

Or A D A G

Or Am G C D

My four chords:

Step 2:

Now, decide how long each chord will last for. For example, if my chords are Em C D G, they might last for one bar each like this:

Em	C	D	G
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Or two bars for each chord, like this:

Em	Em	C	C
D	D	G	G

Or two chords in a bar, like this:

Em	C	G	D
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We can also combine these - so, as in king of the swingers, some of the chords can last for one bar, and some for half a bar or two bars. For example:

Em	C	G	D	G	D
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There's no wrong answer here, just exploring and finding out what you like. Fill in the blanks below. You can cross out any bars you don't need. Aim to have at least one version written for our next meeting, practice it so you can play it, and if you're not sure what to do, go for one chord per bar.

My version 1:

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My version 2:

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