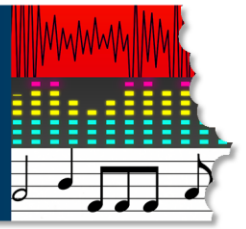


Sound Bites

Mo Komba Beatmaking



Add a Vocal Loop

Now that you have created a drum part, keys and bass, add in a short vocal loop. You can find some vocal loops in the loop library of your DAW or follow these steps to record your own vocal loop.

Materials

You will need the following items:

- Digital Audio Workstation (DAW)
- Audio Interface
- Royalty free drum loops
- MIDI controller (keyboard).

Preparation

Before you launch into this activity make sure you are familiar with the following DAW processes:

- Zooming in and out
- Accessing the loop and sample library
- Moving around the workspace
- Creating a MIDI audio track
- Recording, editing and manipulating audio regions
- Using the grid function in your DAW.

Steps

1. Create an audio track in your DAW.
2. Make sure this audio track is connected to a microphone and the track is armed. Arming a track in a DAW means it is ready to record. Often the record enabled button has an R on it and when it is armed it will be red.
3. Set 4 bars to play on a loop and practise singing over the top.
4. When you feel comfortable record in a short vocal phrase.
5. If you make a mistake or you don't like your performance, undo the recording and try it again until you are happy with the vocal phrase.

Take it further

Once you have a vocal loop that you are happy with try adding some effects. Some interesting effects can be added using a reverb or delay plugin.