

Song Maker

Chrome Music Lab is a great website with loads of activities to learn about sound. Song Maker is a particularly good one for creating your own recordings.

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Song-Maker/>

Once you have loaded the page above, notice how the bars are either shaded or clear and divided into 4 beats each. At the moment there are only four bars in total and so you might want to begin by going to settings (bottom right) and increasing the number of bars from 4 to 16.

Next you could try creating a drum track. Do this by clicking on the two rows of dots at the bottom. The bottom row is your bass drum and the one above, the snare. Try creating a pattern that lasts for just one bar and then repeating it.

Now if you click on anywhere in the grid you will record a note. Try a few things out; if you don't like it simply click on it again and the note will disappear! Think about phrases of music being just like sentences. Make sure you leave space between phrases and don't be afraid to repeat patterns.

Finally, you might want to change the sound of what you have created. At the moment the tune is being played on a Marimba and the drums kit is Electronic. You can change these by clicking bottom left.

If you want to save your creation, then you can click on save and it will give you a link to copy down so you can open it again later. In the style of all good cookery programs, here's one I made earlier:

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