Use FL Studio to make a beat!

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GETTING STARTED:

FL Studio is a very powerful beat making program and we're going to create a very basic beat! You can make use all kinds of sounds to recreate reggae, hip hop, rock, blues or any other style of music you want.

STEP ONE: open up FL Studio

Click on the FL Studio 11 icon to start up the program.

STEP TWO: Use the step sequencer (pictured below)!

This is the name of the instrument you'll be using!

Click in the boxes to select when an instrument is triggered.

STEP THREE: Play the beat!

To play your beat, just click on the Play symbol at the top of the screen!

FL Studio uses patterns that you can layer to create complex and intricate beats. You can use all kinds of different sounds and effects to make the song you want!

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

You can add more sounds to the step sequencer, and even change the sounds that you've already used. On the left side of the screen you should see your Browser (picture below):

To view the available sounds in each category, click on the folder.

To hear what an instrument sounds like, just click on it.

To add an effect to the step sequencer, click and drag the desired sound and drop it into the bottom of the step sequencer.

The sounds you can use are under the "**Packs**" folder. You will want to scroll WAY down to find it.

WARNING! Dragging and dropping a new sound over top of an existing one will replace the existing sound!

TIP: *When making a beat, remember that each square represent one beat. So, four squares represents four beats, or a measure. Check out musictheory.net for more information!*

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE TAKEN THE FIRST STEPS TO LEARNING FL STUDIO!

IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE THE FL STUDIO BADGE, SHOW YOUR PROJECT TO ONE OF THE IDEALAB STAFF MEMBERS AND THEY'LL GET YOU ONE!

YOU'RE DONE! HERE'S SOME NEXT STEPS YOU COULD TAKE:

Layer some patterns: Click on "view" in the tool bar, and then click on "playlist". You can now **paint** your pattern. To create a new pattern and start layering, click on the + symbol in the step sequencer

Try a tutorial: flstudio11.com/category/tutorials for lessons from the makers of the software. Doesn't get any more "expert" than that.

Youtube.com - You can just search for FL Studio 11 tutorial.