

Composing your chorus

A good chorus should have a catchy, repetitive but contrasting melody to the verse.

We are now going to add our chorus to our verse.

Task 1:

Compose a chord sequence that follows on smoothly from your verse. You might want to use the exact same chord sequence or a slightly altered one.

Task 2:

Once you have chosen your chord sequence for the chorus think about how you could change the way you play it from the verse. For example, if you used lots of riff chords in the verse, you may like to use lots of vamping chords.

Task 3:

In the same way as you did for the verse, set your lyrics to a melody. Think of different ways you might like it played/ dynamics. Do you want less or more movement? Do you want to use the same melody or a different one? Will your melody be higher or lower? Will the chorus be more aggressive than the verse?

Task 4:

Transfer your thoughts onto your song writing grid. You should have completed chords and a melody for your chorus.

Task 5:

Once you have chords and a melody for your chorus think about ways that you could improve your composition. You might want to alter some rhythms, add a simple drumbeat or another verse.