

Music

How can we create a successful bassline?

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Quick recap:

What key is Pachelbel's canon in?

Task: write out the notes of the D major scale in treble and bass clef, and label them.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

D E F# G A B C# D

Root

3rd

5th

Octave

D E F# G A B C# D



Creating a bassline

When we create a bassline, it is easiest to start with the chords. Let's borrow some chords from Pachelbel's canon.

The image shows a musical score for Pachelbel's Canon in D major. The score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble clef staff contains chords, and the bass clef staff contains a simple bassline. The chords are: D (blue box), A (blue box), Bm (pink box), a black box (pink box), G (blue box), a black box (blue box), a black box (blue box), and a black box (blue box). The bassline consists of a sequence of notes: D, A, G, F#, E, D.



Creating a chord sequence

Write down your chords in a grid and keep them safe.

You could have 4 chords repeated twice, or 8 chords.

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TRIAD	5th	A	B	C#	D	E	F#	G
	3rd	F#	G	A	B	C#	D	E
	Root	D	E	F#	G	A	B	C#
Chord name	D major	E minor	F# minor	G major	A major	B minor	C#dim	
Position	I	ii	iii	IV	V	vi	vii	
	Primary	Secondary	Secondary	Primary	Primary	Secondary		



Passing note quiz: find a passing note to help out these basslines!

Stretch: Write using notation

D to F#

G to B

D to A

A to F#



References

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