

12 Bar Blues Improv Activity

With a slow, steady beat

E \flat



A \flat

E \flat

5



B \flat

A \flat

E \flat

B \flat

9



How to create your improv:

Elementary students: Create a melody in quarter notes using the black keys while your teacher plays the duet part above.

Late elementary students: Create a melody on the black keys using two or three different rhythmic patterns while your teacher plays the duet part above. (Hint: decide on your rhythms first by creating a few silly sentences!)

Intermediate students: Play the part above with your left hand and create a melody using the black keys with your right hand. Start with one simple rhythm in your melody, then add more as you are able!