



5 Steps to Improv Success!

Step 1: Choose your key and play its scale. (These will be the notes you use for the melody of your improv.)

Key of _____ major

Step 2: Choose your chord progression and play it on the piano in the key you picked. (Circle one.)

I - vi - I - vi

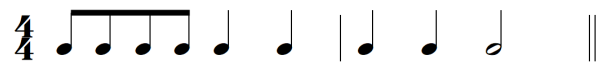
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(create your own)

Step 3: Choose a rhythm to use for your melody. Each rhythm will be played two times to fit the chord progressions above. (Circle one.)



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Step 4: Play your melody, using the scale and rhythm you chose, along with your chord progression. Repeat these patterns as many times as you like. (Pro tip: when in doubt, start each measure with a melody note that is part of your chord!)

Step 5: When you are comfortable, experiment with some of these other options:

- Add an additional rhythmic pattern to the melody.
- Play broken chords in the left hand.
- Use the damper pedal.
- Try out different dynamics.

Most importantly, have fun experimenting!