

# Checklist: Composing a Song

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## 1 Start a new project in GarageBand

- Select a “smart” instrument
- Select the instrument **style** and the autoplay

## 2 Song Sections and Settings

- Choose the + sign to change or add sections (**Form**)
- Set the **Tempo** or add a fade out in Settings (the wrench)

## 3 Recording (the red circle)

- Be sure to record from the beginning of the section |<

## 4 Musical Elements

- Are there dynamics used in your song?
- Is there variation in your sections?
- Do you use a variety of **timbres** in your song?

## 5 Chord Sequence

- Try to use only a few chords per section (2 - 4)
- Be sure all instruments use the same chord sequence

## 6 Melody

- Does your melody use repeated notes or phrases?
- Is there melodic contour or shape to your notes?

## 7 Take notes

- Be sure to take notes on your project and creative ideas
- The notepad can be used to write anything related to the project

## 8 Save your project

- Tap My Songs and name your project