

EDM Arrangement Map

A bar-by-bar arrangement prompt for turning loops into finished tracks.

Core Timeline

- 0-16 bars: intro groove and DJ-friendly elements.
- 16-32 bars: add bass, percussion or hook tease.
- 32-48 bars: first full groove or drop.
- 48-64 bars: variation, fill or call-and-response.
- 64-96 bars: breakdown and build.
- 96-128 bars: main payoff.
- 128-160 bars: second variation or outro.

Energy Moves

- Mute the kick before important returns.
- Filter drums during builds.
- Use one new sound at the payoff.
- Let the breakdown breathe instead of filling every gap.

Anti-Boring Checks

- Something should change every 8 or 16 bars.
- If the drop feels weak, the build may be too full.
- If the arrangement feels flat, remove more before adding more.