

Creating a song automatically with Magic GarageBand (from GarageBand Help)

You can have GarageBand automatically create a song using the “Magic GarageBand” feature. When you create a Magic GarageBand song, you can specify the genre (style) of music and the instruments in the song. You can preview the entire song or only a snippet, and then have GarageBand create a song with the genre and instruments you choose.

On the Magic GarageBand stage, the front-center instrument is “My Instrument.” After GarageBand creates the song, you can add your own part for “My Instrument” to the song. The other instruments are “played” automatically by GarageBand.

To create a song automatically (from GarageBand Help)

1. Pull down *File* to *New*.
2. In the GarageBand screen, click **Magic GarageBand**.
3. When the *Magic GarageBand* stage appears, click **one of the genre buttons** (located below the stage) to select a genre for the song.
4. To preview the song, click either **Snippet** or **Entire Song**, and click the **Play (>)** button.
5. To choose different instruments to use in the song, click the **Audition** button.
6. The curtain opens on the Magic GarageBand stage, showing the instruments used in the song.
7. Select one of the instruments on the stage, and then choose a **different instrument** from the pop-up menu that appears, or from the list below the stage.
8. After you choose the instruments you want, click **Play** again to hear the song with the new instruments. The first time you click **Play** with the curtain open, the song takes a few moments to start playing. A progress indicator below the stage shows the progress of opening the song.
9. When you are finished, click **Create Project** to create the new song with the instruments you’ve chosen.
10. The GarageBand window appears. Tracks appear in the timeline for each of the instruments in the song, with regions containing the music for each instrument.

After you create a song using Magic GarageBand, you can edit, rearrange, and remix the song, as you can with any GarageBand project. You can share the song with other iLife applications, export it, or burn it to a CD.