

How to develop and extend a melody

Try to develop and extend your melodies in your compositions. Write a melody and develop it using the ways below.

1. Basic 4 bar melody



2. Extend your melody using sequence. Put your melody up or down a note or up a down a third.



3. Extend your melody using inversion



4. Extend your melody using augmentation



5. Extend your melody using diminution



6. Add passing notes



7. Change your melody slightly



8. The possibilities are endless if you put all the above ideas together and mix them up AND vary your accompaniment too!