FL Studio Tutorial

Step 1

- To make sure you are starting with a fresh song press File –New
- You should see a window like this
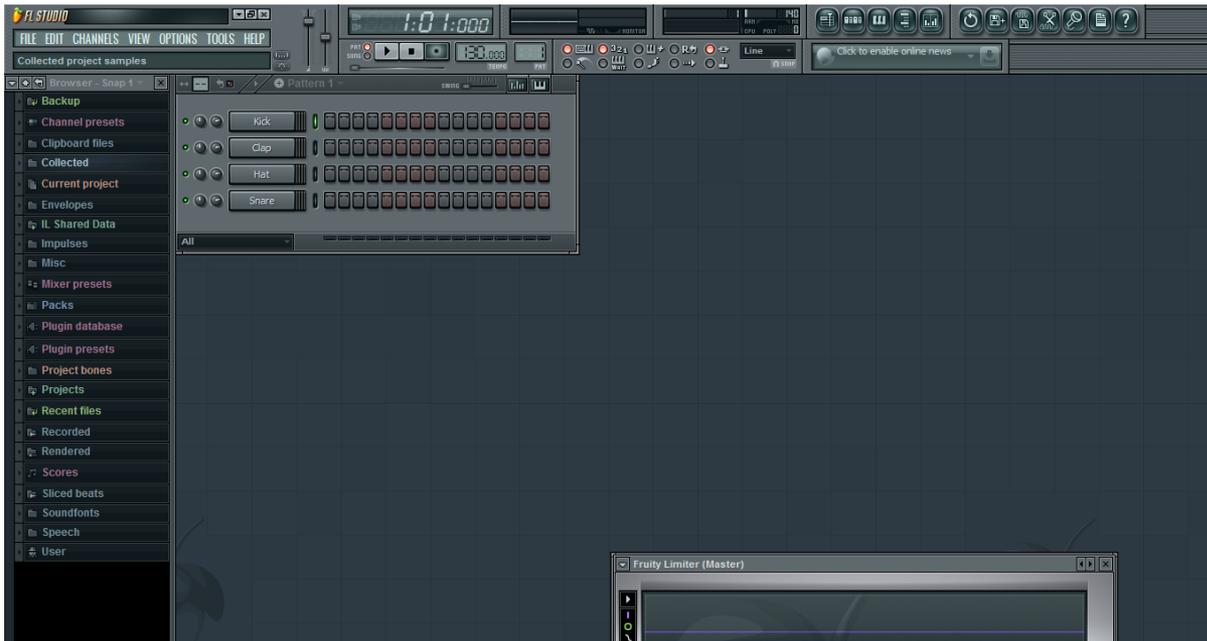
Step 2

- We need to first open up the pattern window. It might already be open. However if it isn't to open it you need to press on this button

- You can find it at the top of the screen and click it

Step 3

- Ok now it's time to start making a beat

- See this window? If you just click on any of the small squares it means that a sound will play at that time. Click to add and right click to take away. You can press the play button at any time to listen to your pattern.

Step 3 Cont'

- Name your pattern by clicking the '+' at the top of the pattern window, in the black box that appears type the name of your pattern (Here I called it "Pattern 1")

- You have just created your first pattern. Now it's time to create more.

Step 3 Cont'

- Click the '+' again to add another pattern, give this pattern a name as well.

- To check that your pattern added correctly, click the down arrow next to the pattern name, both patterns you have created should appear there
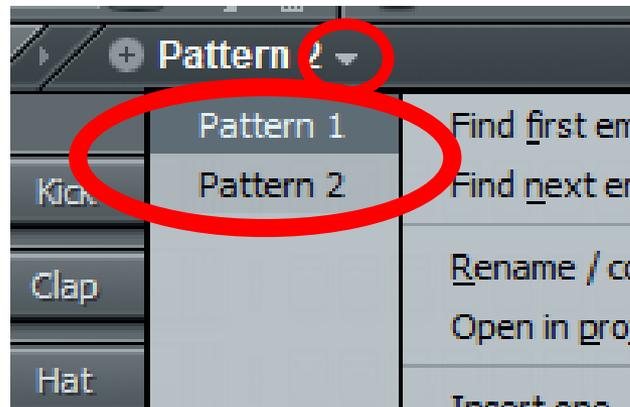
Step 3 Cont'

- This time you may want to add some cool music.

- To do this, click Tools → Riff Machine at the top of the screen
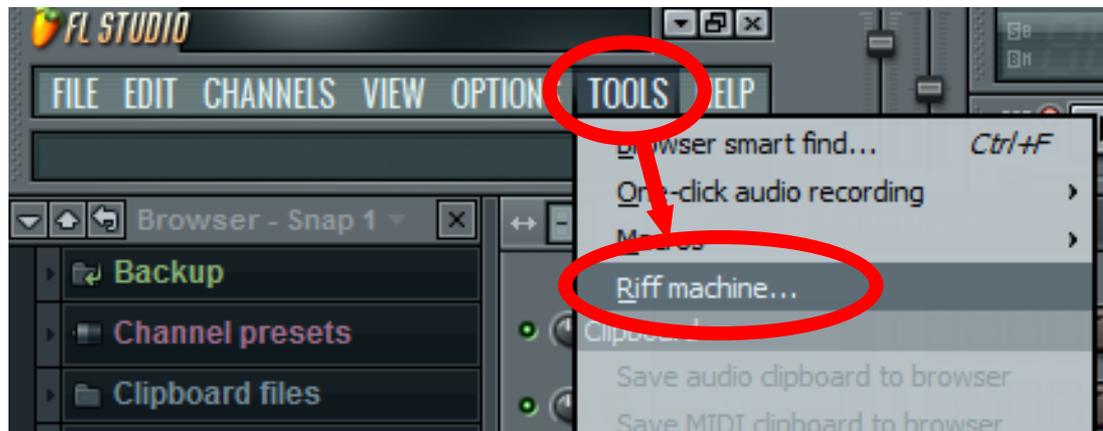
Step 3 Cont'

- When you open the riff machine you should see these 2 windows

- The Riff machine creates random funky tunes. If you don't like the current sounds click on "Throw Dice" to create a new tune. Or select one of the different tabs at the top such as "Chord" and then press the "Throw Dice". When you have found one you like click on "Accept"

Step 3.5
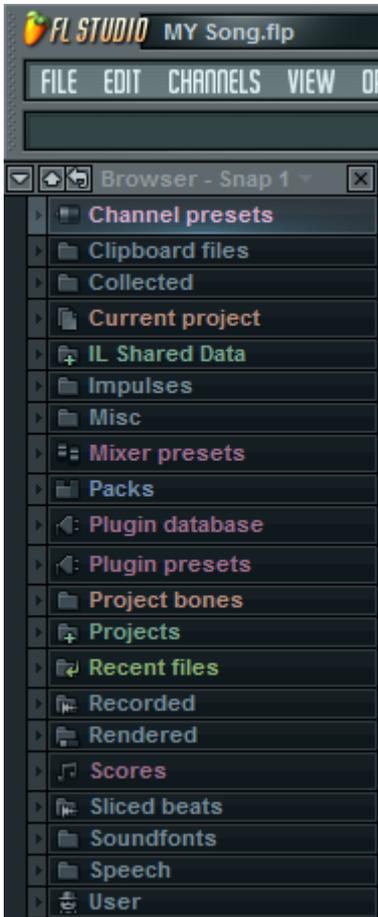
- If you are interested in making your own music you can. It is just going to take more time
- To do this you need to look to the left of the screen

Step 3.5 Cont'

- Click on "Channel Presets" and then "3x Osc"

- From here you can select many different instruments and sounds

- To add them to your pattern just drag it into the pattern screen

Step 3.5 Cont'

- Once you have dragged it into the pattern window you should see that the instrument has been added below

- Also note the top right hand corner. The button that looks like a keyboard.

Step 3.5 Cont'

- If you click on the keyboard button you should see this window
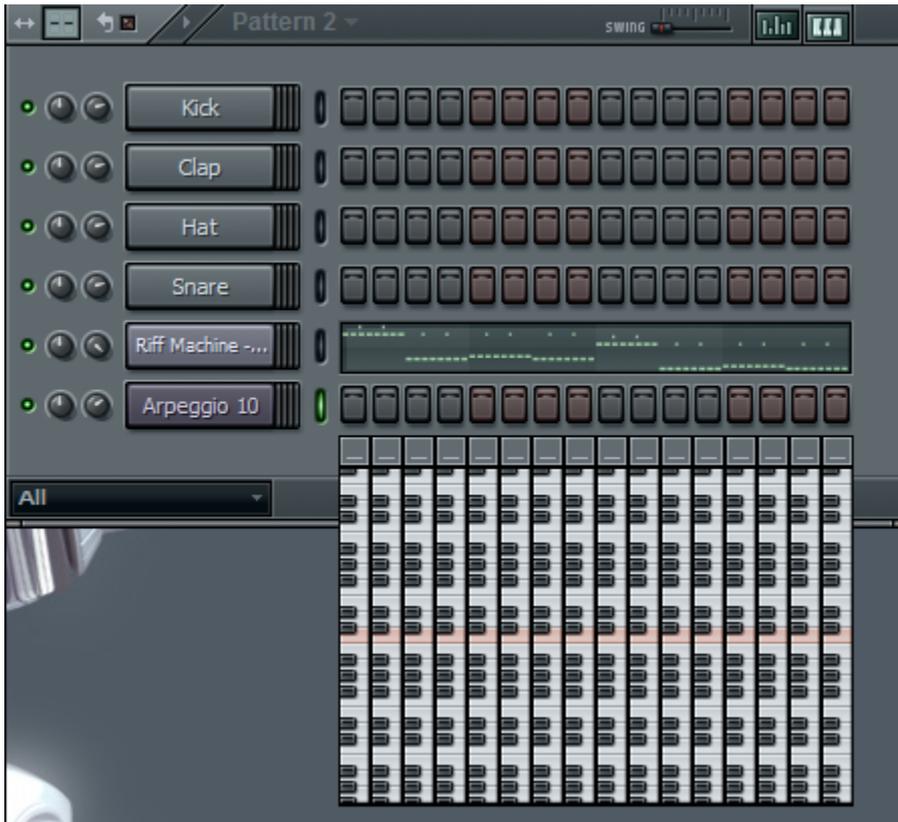
From this you can select the different notes for an instrument, this way if you want you can create your very own tune

Step 4

- Now it's time to construct your song. Click the "view playlist" icon at the top
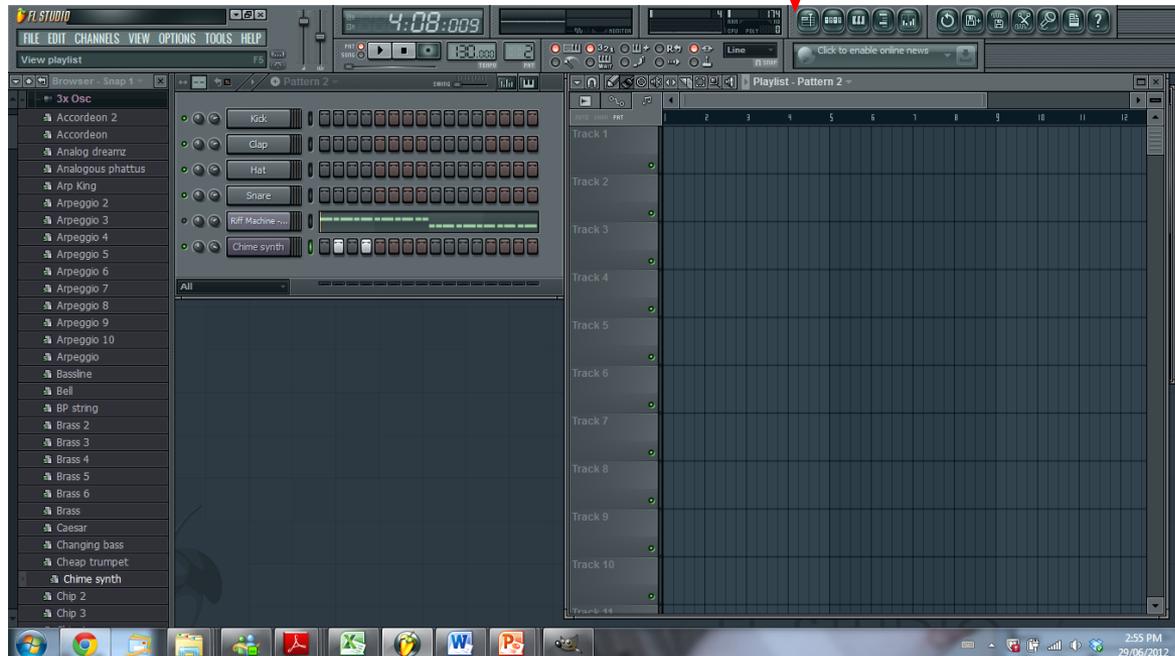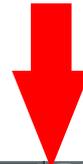
Step 4 Cont'

- Select the pattern you want to add here:

- Then choose where you would like to place that pattern, start by placing it at the beginning of "Track 1"

Step 4 Cont'

- Your screen should look something like this:

Step 5

- Next we want to test the song, first change to song mode by clicking "Song" here:

- Remember if you want to create a new pattern you must switch back to pattern mode by clicking "Pat"

Step 5 Cont'

- Click the play button to hear what your song sounds like

- Continue to add all the different patterns you created wherever you want them to be heard
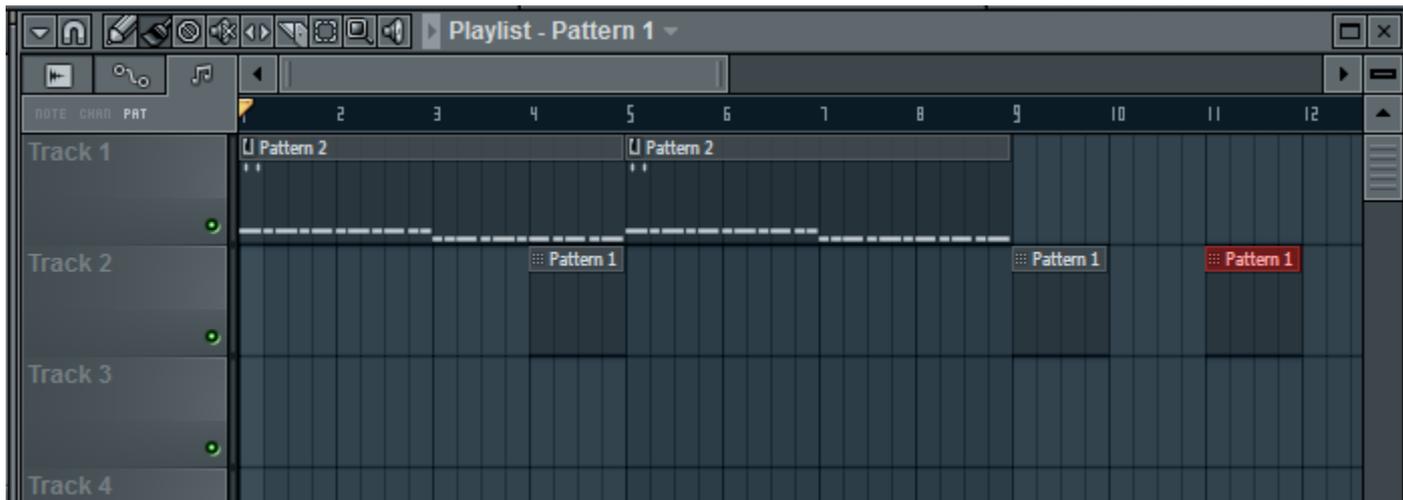
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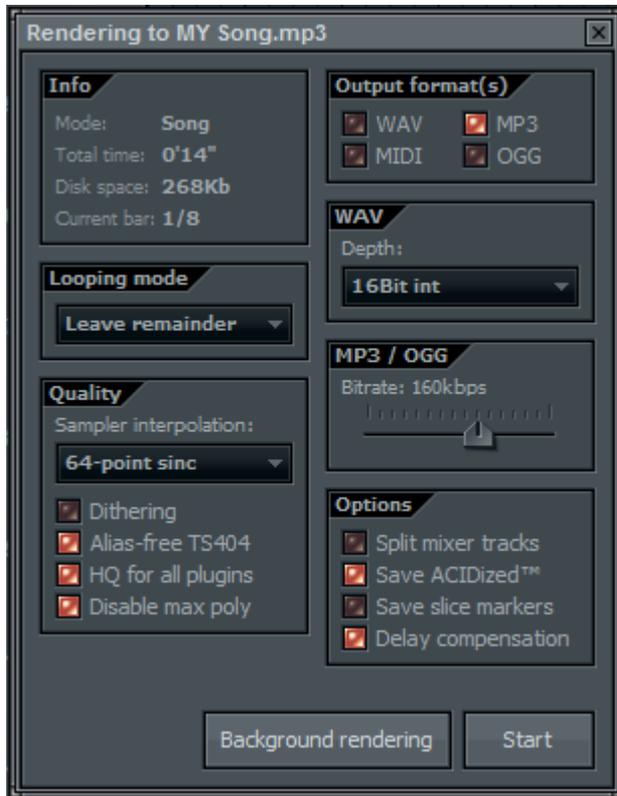
- Go to File > Export > MP3 File
- Choose where you want to save and name the song, then press "Save"
- REMEMBER: once you save your song you will no longer be able to make changes to it
- When this window appears, press "Start" and your song will be saved as an MP3