

Omnitone — Rhythmi

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Using Rhythmi to Create Full Length Eurorack Songs

The **Rhythmi** Eurorack drum sequencer is designed not just for generating engaging drum patterns, but for evolving those patterns live, enabling dynamic changes throughout a performance or recording. If you often “hit a wall” turning an impressive loop into a full track, Rhythmi’s hands-on and CV-modulatable parameters provide creative solutions to keep your music moving and transforming. Below are techniques and patch strategies for integrating Rhythmi into extended, song-length modular compositions.

Song Arrangement Concepts Using Rhythmi

1. Evolving and Transforming Patterns

- **Evolve Parameter:** Use the Evolve encoder or CV modulation to morph drum patterns during the track. Start with your Root Rhythm for the intro/verse, and introduce evolution for choruses, bridges, or fills. Automate the Evolve parameter using sequencers or LFOs for short fills or transitions.
- **Pattern Randomization:** Short-press the Evolve encoder (or send CV > 75%) at section changes for fresh rhythmic content. Return to the Root Rhythm for recurring motifs or to “reset” the groove post-drop.

2. Macro Arrangement Control

- **Energy Control:** Assign Energy to automation for building energy over time. Low settings = basic groove (verse/intro), mid-range ramps up fills and density (pre-chorus/bridge), max triggers Crash (drop/chorus, transitions) and fully energizes the kit.
- **Length Parameter:** Dynamically change loop length to shift between tight, repetitive sections (4–8 steps) and more open, evolving ones (16–32 steps). Short lengths can be breaks/hip-hop; long lengths yield electroacoustic fills or “breakbeat” flavor.

3. Swing & Syncopation

- **Real-Time Groove Changes:** Use Swing modulation for groove subtlety—straight sections (0% swing) for tension, then increase swing to “loosen up” at drops or breakdowns. Syncopation control on individual drums lets you periodically switch from rigid to laid-back feels.

Integrating Rhythmi With Other Modules

1. Song Structure Automation

Sequencers/Controllers:

- **Voltage Sequencer:** Sequence CV to Evolve, Energy, Length, and Swing to automate song sections. - **Manual Controllers:** Use faders (e.g., Frap Tools FALISTRI, Make Noise Maths) to fade sections in/out, manipulate groove in real time. - **Preset/VCA Recall:** Use modules like Mutable Instruments Frames or Make Noise Morphagene to recall specific rhythmic settings for different song sections.

2. Global System Events

Crash Output as Section Change Signal:

- Mult the Crash output to envelopes, sequential switches, or logic modules to: - Trigger fills, resets, or changes in bass/melodic sequences. - Clock

scene changes in effect modules (e.g., send Reverb/Delay to max at drop).
- Reset or “jump” sequencer patterns on major transitions.

3. Dynamic Drum Kit Sound Design

CV-to-Tom Output:

- Patch the TOM CV out to drum synth VCOs, additional percussion, or even melodic voices for tom-driven fills that track the module’s phrasing.

HI-HAT Output (Gated):

- Use logic or slew limiters downstream to morph between tight closed hats and long open ones, responding to musical density.

4. Layering and Parallel Processing

- Pair Rhythmi with other sequencers (e.g., Mutable Grids, Euclidean Circles) to crossfade or blend between organic and surgical drum parts throughout the song.
 - Use rhythmic outputs as modulation sources for synths, VCAs, effects, or sample playback, tying all musical elements to the evolving drum core.
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Example Full Song Workflow

1. **Intro:**
2. **Minimal Energy + Low Evolve, Long Loop:** Sparse basic groove, few hits, max anticipation.
3. **Verse:**
4. **Increase Density/Length Slightly, Introduce Swing:** Groove fills out, more syncopation, hats open up.
5. **Pre-Chorus:**
6. **Raise Energy (More Toms, Early Fill), Increase Evolve, Shorten Loop for Tension.**
7. **Chorus/Drop:**
8. **Max Energy (Crash triggers), High Swing, Fully Evolved Patterns.**
Use Crash to cue melodic and FX changes.
9. **Bridge/Breakdown:**

10. **Lower Energy and Evolve, Change Base Pattern, Add Randomization.**
 11. **Outro:**
 12. **Reduce Length, Density, and Swing to fade out.** Optionally randomize or “reset” to Root Rhythm.
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Patch Tips and Collaborations

- **Pair with Generative Sequence Modules** for evolving bass/melody.
 - **Use Clock Output** from Rhythmi to drive synchronized sequencers, arpeggiators, or LFOs.
 - **Record Automation Moves** with external CV recorders for repeatable live jams or composed works.
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For maximal creative potential, design and automate macro changes (energy, evolve) alongside classic step sequencing and performance controls. Rhythmi’s design philosophy excels at breaking the “8-bar loop trap” common in modular systems, pushing your live and composed tracks to full song forms.

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