

DEMYSTIFYING K-POP

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WHAT IS K-POP?

K-pop is popular Korean music that originated in South Korea.

Artists: BTS, GOT7, ATEEZ, SEVENTEEN, TWICE, ITZY, Black Pink

Group Artists/Group Idol

- Brilliant performance
- Choreography
- Catchy melodies
- Intense Fan Clubs

BTS

- Boy Singer/Dancer Group
- **303 weeks on Billboard Chart**
- Adele 294 weeks, Beyonce 213 weeks, Michael Jackson 340 weeks
- Open new Hanllyu after Gangnam Style
 - Hanllyu: The Korean wave or K-wave is the increase in global popularity of South Korean culture since the 1990

K-POP GENRE

Popular Genre

- Dance Music
- Teen Pop
- Hip-hop
- Rock
- R&B

Other Genre

- Ballad
- EDM
- Hard Rock
- Rap



WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?

STRUCTURE OF POP SONGS

Intro, Verse — Chorus — Verse — Chorus — bridge — Chorus — Outro

ABABCB

STRUCTURE OF K-POP

Added with

- Post-chorus
- Transitions
- Dance time
- Rap
- Experimental sections

Order?

- Changes in different songs
- Based on choreography & performance impact

TWICE “Dance The Night Away”

Intro — Verse — Refrain — Pre-Chorus — Chorus — Post-Chorus — Instrumental — Bridge — Chorus — Outro

OTHER CHALLENGES

- Lyrics
- Tempo Changes

Half tempo Chorus (Treasure "JIK JIN"), tempo changes in different sections ([IVE "ELEVEN"](#))

- Key Changes
- Special Effect

Aespa "[Next Level](#)" → [New Section](#)

BUTTER BY BTS

- Simple structure Verse → Pre-Chorus → Chorus AND Post Chorus
- Written English

Decide melodic part or chordal part

Modify Lead Sheet!

BUTTER BY BTS



- Beginner Level

- 1) Make them play 7th chord from A-flat
- 2) Play Melodies learned by rote
- 3) Add Bass Notes
- 4) Play along the recording

Then, possibly

- 1) Add A-flat on Right Hand
- 2) Add Chords
- 3) Play more complex rhythms

[Verse 1] Melody

Ab

Smooth like butter

Like a criminal undercover

Ab

Gon' pop like trouble

Breakin' into your heart like that

Ab

Cool shade stunner

Yeah, I owe it all to my mother

Ab

Hot like summer

Yeah, I'm makin' you sweat like that

Break it down

BUTTER BY BTS



- Pre-Chorus and Chorus

- 1) Learn Bass Notes
- 2) Chords/Two notes interval
- 3) Incorporate Rhythms
- 4) Play along the recording

Then, possibly

- 1) Add Chords
- 2) Play more complex rhythms

[Pre-Chorus] Chords

Db

Oh, when I look in the mirror

Eb

Fm

I'll melt your heart into two

Db

Eb

I got that superstar glow so (Ooh)

N.C

Do the boogie like

[Chorus] Chords

Db

Eb Fm

Side step, right, left to my beat

Db

Eb

Fm

High like the moon, rock with me, baby

Db

Know that I got that heat

Eb

Fm

Let me show you 'cause talk is cheap

Db

Eb

Side step, right, left to my beat

Get it, let it roll

LIFE GOES ON BY BTS

Four Main Chords!

Simple Structure: Verses → Pre-Chorus → Chorus

- 1) Start with G# major chords/A-flat major chord
- 2) Change thumb position to F-sharp
- 3) C# major chord (2nd inversion) with WS and HS raise
- 4) C# major chord to C# minor chord
- 5) Try different Accompanying patterns
 - Blocked chords
 - Broken arpeggio patterns
 - Arpeggios

[Intro]

G# G#maj7 C#maj7 C#m

[Verse 1]

G#

Eoneu nal sesangi meomchwosseo

G#maj7

Amureon yegodo hana eopsi

~~C#maj7~~

Bomeun gidarimeul mollaseo

C#m

Nunchi eopsi wabeoryeosseo

G#

Baljagugi jiwojin geori

~~G#maj7~~

Yeogi neomeojyeoinneun na

C#maj7

Honja gane sigani

C#m

Mianhae maldo eopsi

WHAT IS NEXT?

- Can make it more complex by adding harmonies, more rhythmic figures, and layers
- Keys can be transposed using functions in electronic keyboards
- Use different instruments on electronic keyboard
- Teachers can play riffs or more difficult parts
- Pair-up Play different parts
- Ensemble playing

HOW YOU LIKE THAT? BY BLACK PINK

Accompaniment sections + riff sections

Verses → accompaniment of broken arpeggios

Chorus+rap sections → repeated riffs

Possibly have an ensemble with different parts

→ Teachers can play more complicated parts or accompaniment



[Verse 1] → broken chords

Ebm Bbm
 Boran deushi muneojesseo
Gb B
 Badageul ttulko jeo jihalkkaji
Ebm Bbm
 Ot kkeutjarak japgettago
Gb B
 Jeo nopi du soneul ppeodeobwado

[Pre-Chorus] Chords or Melody

Ebm Bbm
 Dashi kamkamhan igose Light up the sky
Gb B
 Ni du nuneul bomyeo I'll kiss you goodbye
Ebm Bbm
 Shilkeot biuseora kkoljoeunikka
Gb
 Ije neohi hana dul set

[Chorus] Chords

Ebm E Ebm
 Ha how you like that?
Ebm
 You gon' like that that that that that
E Ebm E Ebm
 That that that that
Ebm
 How you like that? (Barabim barabum bumbum)
G#m
 How you like that that that that that
Bb#m Ebm
 That that that that

RESOURCES

- To Find Lead Sheet

www.ultimateguitar.com

www.kpopchords.com

About the structural difference of K-pop

<https://youtu.be/M0auG8NYafo>

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