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Posted by nljdj - 2008/05/29 11:10

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Posted by Nick the Zombie - 2008/05/29 11:22

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by nljdj - 2008/05/29 11:25

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Nice. Ill have to try that too! Thanks..

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by nljdj - 2008/05/29 11:39

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That sounds good for experimenting with a kit to get new sounds then go back if it goes to hell....

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by actuel - 2008/05/29 11:44

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Page 37 in the 1.50 manual.

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by hageir - 2008/05/29 19:49

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Posted by jsrockit - 2008/05/29 21:28

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I never use that function ever...does that make me young?

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by Tarekith - 2008/05/29 21:35

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No that makes you too old ::laugh:

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by jsrockit - 2008/05/29 22:56

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Tarekith wrote:  
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LOL... that's right. I'm stuck in 92-94 making 2 bar loops.

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by papertiger - 2008/05/30 00:08

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Posted by megawatt - 2008/05/30 01:02

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by Nick the Zombie - 2008/05/30 02:12

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So much rearranging potential with song mode + live tweaks.

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Posted by jsrockit - 2008/05/30 02:37

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Tell me the button combo and I'll start doing it. If I can get 4 bars of 1/32 resolution, that I can build on without constantly hitting buttons, on both the MD and MnM in pattern mode, I'm all for it. I hope you don't mean just manually going back and forth between say, A04 and A05 by pressing buttons. However, if I can get A04 to run into A05 and then loop back to A04 without pressing buttons each time, in pattern mode, please tell me how. Also, I am perfectly content with making two bar loops... so it's not a big deal. The only thing I'd do with 4 bars is change the beat a little on the last 2 bars. :) I'm a looper, not a tweaker, what can I say.

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by monofever - 2008/05/30 03:19

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That would be pressing both the keys at once, i.e. hold down A + 1 + 2 gives you patterns A01+A02 flip flopping (not sure if that's the technical term but I have been trying to use it in a sentence all day).

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by Nick the Zombie - 2008/05/30 03:20

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From page 37 in the MD manual:

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## PATTERN CHAINING

You can use pattern chaining to cue up patterns to be played after each other in a loop, like a simple live sequencer for patterns. In PATTERN mode, hold a button and then press the keys corresponding to the patterns you want to chain. The patterns will be chained in the order you select them. It is only possible to chain patterns from one bank, and each pattern may only be chained once. Chaining is indicated by a double arrow between the current and the next pattern.

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I use this function to do exactly what you are wanting to do, Jsrockit. Enjoy!

- Nick

EDIT: Monofever beat me to it :)

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Posted by augustus green - 2008/05/30 03:49

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by actuel - 2008/05/30 04:16

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Posted by actuel - 2008/05/30 04:18

btw, reading this thread and all the little goodies tucked into the Elektron OS:es makes me such a happy little user. brilliant boxes. deep deep deep

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by jsrockit - 2008/05/30 05:17

Nice...thanks for your help guys. Will this method work in record mode as well? If so, that's beautiful... makes me wish I would have known this with my MKI. Sometimes you read the manual when you first get a machine and everything doesn't stick...then you only read the manul when you want the machine to do something you know it can do, but you can't remember how to do it. Then, there are times like this when you don't even think to look at the manual because you assume it can't do it. Oh well, the good thing is that I know it now. I just can't believe this never happened on accident.

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by Nick the Zombie - 2008/05/30 05:20

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I've had the same experience so far. For instance, I just realized the other night that you could quickly reload the kit, so that opened up a whole world of live tweaking for me. As Actuel says, these are incredibly deep boxes. Can't wait to get my hands on the Mono.

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Posted by augustus green - 2008/05/30 05:40

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yeah so i just read that it does the pattern chaining but i guess it doesn't allow for the multi-param tweak. i will email. especially since i am actually purchasing a monomachine in the very near future and i loved this about the machinedrum.

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by monofever - 2008/05/30 07:13

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The MnM has the joystick function, when you set this up on the sf6 it adds the sort of dimension you get from the func+encoder, of course it's not the same deal, but you get another performance from the kits.

I'd like to see the Func+encoder functionality on the MnM though.

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by nlj dj - 2008/05/30 07:53

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Nick the Zombie wrote:

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Yeah judging by your dubstep tune your new stuff with the Mono will be sick. ;)

I pretty much got both MD and MnM at the same time, so figuring them both out is a process. Great fun though.

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by Nick the Zombie - 2008/05/30 22:21

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Cheers :) Who knows when I'm going to be able to do much of anything music-related, though. I'm currently studying for the bar exam and trying to finish a series of video tutorials (and whip them into shape so that they can be sold), so time is just so limited right now. Bar exam + trying to start a business = miserable.

Sorry for the OT, just had to bitch about that.

- Nick

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by megawatt - 2008/05/31 01:09

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Just wanted to add some clarity on the pattern linking feature. You can in fact link more than 2 patterns together to create a longer phrase in pattern mode. This is great for breaking out of the 2 - 4 bar structure. Simply hold down the bank button of choice and at the same time hold down as many pattern selection buttons as you want (I tested it up to 8 but it looks like you could do more.)

If you start with empty patterns this will give you a longer pattern to work with. Hit record and you can record through all the pattern changes.

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by Nick the Zombie - 2008/05/31 02:12

Another nice thing about this is that if you are putting together patterns in anticipation of using them in song mode, you can use the pattern linking feature to test out how they will sound one after the other without having to open up song edit all the time.

- Nick

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Posted by jsrockit - 2008/05/31 02:19

I've been bitching about two bars forever here... I can't believe nobody brought it up. Everyone, please don't assume I know anything... I'm a blockhead. I'm glad Megawatt decided to mention it. After way too many years of making music, I'm still just a beginner...probably always will be. The good thing is that I chose to stick with the Elektrons (unlike everything else), so I can just keep learning from my foolish mistakes whenever someone brings up good stuff here.

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by majipoor - 2008/05/31 02:32

even the old Roland XoX box have this feature.....

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by jsrockit - 2008/05/31 03:23

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by Nick the Zombie - 2008/05/31 03:26

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You and me both. I've been doing this for 10 years and there is still so much to learn. I just know about a lot of these little things because I am one of those unfortunate souls that actually enjoys reading instruction manuals. I probably read the MD manual 10 times through before even getting one.

Great rule of thumb that I use when reading Elektron manuals, specifically: Pay special attention to the bolded notes below the descriptions of the functions. They often contain really great tips and tricks.

- Nick

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## Re:Cool Trick? Possibly new? Not sure?

Posted by hageir - 2008/06/01 00:18

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No problem, enjoy!

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There seems to be a problem with this...:

When programming p-locks over 2 chained 2bar patterns, if you take yr time fine tuning the value it ends up setting the same value to the same step on both of the 2bar patterns....and hence they sound the same. I did this whilst programming a Midi machine so don't know if this is the same with the synth machines. :(

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