

Bare Necessities Solo Helper

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The melody in a simple form can be played using the F major pentatonic almost exclusively.
The one added note - the Bb - is used in bar 6.
Incorporate elements of the melody into your solo .. make your solo follow the melody in some way using the rhythm or the pitch of the original tune.

F Major Pentatonic Scale (pattern)

Melody

Alto Saxophone

Tenor Saxophone

Baritone Saxophone

Trumpet in Bb

Trombone

Electric Guitar

Bass

The image displays a musical score for the 'Bare Necessities Solo Helper' exercise. It features eight staves, each representing a different instrument: Melody, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet in Bb, Trombone, Electric Guitar, and Bass. The Melody staff is in F major (one flat) and shows a pentatonic scale pattern. The other instruments are in various keys: Alto Saxophone (D major, two sharps), Tenor Saxophone (D major, one sharp), Baritone Saxophone (D major, two sharps), Trumpet in Bb (D major, one sharp), Trombone (F major, one flat), Electric Guitar (F major, one flat), and Bass (F major, one flat). The score consists of four measures of music, with a double bar line at the end of the fourth measure. The Melody staff is labeled 'F Major Pentatonic Scale (pattern)'.

Use the Major Pentatonic scale as a basis for your solo but experiment with added pitches not in that scale. Occasional use of the Minor 3rd will give a bluesy sound to your solo. Use some chromatic notes to join up some of the notes in the Major Pentatonic scale.

1 Example Solo using the Major Pentatonic scale with some decoration

Melody

Alto

Ten.

Bari.

Tpt.

Tbn.

E. Gtr.

Bs.

chromatic

minor third

D^{Δ}

D^9

$G^{6/9}$

G^{Δ}

G^9

$C^{6/9}$

F^{Δ}

F^9

$Bb^{6/9}$

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Melody

Alto

Ten.

Bari.

Tpt.

Tbn.

E. Gtr.

Bs.

Chord symbols: E_m7 , A^9 , D , $F\#m7$, B^7 , E^7 , Bb^9 , A_m7 , D^9 , G , B_m7 , E^7 , A^7 , E_b^9 , G_m7 , C^9 , F , A_m7 , D^7 , G^7 , D_b^9 .

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Melody

Alto

Ten.

Bari.

Tpt.

Tbn.

E. Gtr.

Bs.

Chords: A⁹, D⁹ chromatic, D^{6/9}, G^{6/9}, A_M⁷, D⁷, G^{6/9}, D⁹ chromatic, G^{6/9}, D_M⁷ chromatic, C^{6/9}, A⁹ chromatic, D^{6/9}, A_M⁷ chromatic, G^{6/9}, D⁹ chromatic, F^{6/9}, C_M⁷ chromatic, C^{6/9}, C⁹ chromatic, F^{6/9}, C_M⁷ chromatic, B^{b6/9}, chromatic, chromatic

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Melody

Alto

Ten.

Bari.

Tpt.

Tbn.

E. Gtr.

Bs.

Chromatic

Chord symbols for Alto: G#° D/A Bm7 E9 A9 b D G6 G#° D

Chord symbols for Ten.: C#° G/D Em7 A9 chromatic G C6 C#° G

Chord symbols for Bari.: G#° D/A Bm7 E9 chromatic D G6 G#° D

Chord symbols for Tpt.: C#° G/D Em7 A9 chromatic G C6 C#° G

Chord symbols for Tbn.: G° F/C Dm7 G9 chromatic F Bb6 B° F

Chord symbols for E. Gtr.: B° F/C Dm7 G9 chromatic F Bb6 B° F

Chord symbols for Bs.: G° F/C Dm7 G9 chromatic F Bb6 B° F