

Genre-Based Instruments



1. Pop

- Electric guitar
 - Synthesizer
 - Drum machine
 - Piano
 - Bass guitar
 - Vocal effects (Auto-Tune, harmonizer)
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2. Rock

- Electric guitar (often distorted)
 - Bass guitar
 - Acoustic drums
 - Piano or keyboard
 - Hammond organ
 - Harmonica (classic rock/blues-rock)
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3. Electronic / EDM

- Synthesizer
 - Drum machine
 - Sampler
 - Sequencer
 - Bass synth
 - Digital audio effects (filters, reverb, delay)
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4. Hip-Hop / Rap

- Drum machine (e.g., MPC)
 - Sampler
 - Synth bass
 - Turntables (for scratching)
 - Vocal mic with effects
 - Piano or Rhodes (in lo-fi/boom bap)
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5. Classical

- Violin
 - Viola
 - Cello
 - Double bass
 - Flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon
 - French horn, trumpet, trombone, tuba
 - Piano
 - Harp
 - Timpani, snare drum, triangle, cymbals
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6. Country

- Acoustic guitar
- Steel guitar / Slide guitar
- Banjo
- Fiddle (violin)
- Harmonica

- Upright bass
 - Mandolin
 - Drums (brushes/snare)
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7. Jazz

- Saxophone
 - Trumpet
 - Trombone
 - Double bass
 - Upright piano
 - Drum kit with brushes
 - Guitar
 - Vibraphone (sometimes)
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8. R&B / Soul

- Electric piano
 - Bass guitar
 - Drum kit (often with groove focus)
 - Horn section (sax, trumpet, trombone)
 - Electric guitar (clean/funky)
 - Strings (for ballads)
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9. Latin (e.g., Reggaeton, Salsa, Bachata)

- Congas, bongos, timbales
- Acoustic and electric guitars

- Bass guitar
 - Piano (montuno rhythms)
 - Brass section (trumpet, trombone, sax)
 - Claves, maracas, güiro
 - Synth (in reggaeton/electro Latin)
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10. Folk / Indie Folk

- Acoustic guitar
- Banjo
- Mandolin
- Harmonica
- Violin (fiddle)
- Upright bass
- Hand percussion (shakers, cajón, tambourine)