

HOW TO FILL OUT A BRACKET

Basketball fans are probably familiar with the NCAA March Madness Tournament. Our music bracket works the same way, but only with the “Sweet Sixteen”. (The basketball tournament starts with 64 teams.) If you have a friend who is a fan, ask them how to fill it out. You can also watch the video on our website. Alternatively, read on!

Basically, you start with sixteen songs. Two songs are paired each day. The winning song each day advances to the next round. The rounds look like this:

Round one: Days 1-8

Sweet Sixteen - 8 pairings over 8 days leave us with the Elite Eight

Round two: Days 9-12

Four pairings over four days leave us with the Final Four

Round three: Days 13-14

Two pairings leave us with the semi-finals

Round four: Day 15

The championship game!

We will use the 2019 bracket as an example. It is copied below for your convenience.

1. Start with day 1, “Millionnaire” vs. “Le plus fort du monde.” Decide which one you think will win (or which one you like better) and write the name of the song in the box to the right of the number 1. Let’s say you picked, “Millionnaire.”
2. Go to the match below it, which is day 3, “Demain” vs. “Revoir”. Make your pick and write the title of the song in the box to the left of the number 3. Let’s say you picked, “Demain.”
3. Do the same thing for days 5 and 7. This completes part of round 1. Go to the right hand side and complete the first round picks by deciding between, “Je suis comme toi” and “Pour changer le monde”, writing the name of the song this time in the box to the left of the number two. Do the same for days 4, 6, and 8.
4. Now you need to do the round two picks. Per our example, you picked, “Millionnaire” and “Demain” to advance. Decide which of those two songs you think will win, and write the name of the song in the box to the right of the number 9. Do the same for days 10, 11, and 12. You now have your final four.

5. The songs you picked for days 9 and 11 now compete. The name of the song you think will win that matchup goes in box 13. The song you think will win from days 10 and 12 goes in the box to the left of the number 14. Finally, choose your champion between the songs that made it to the semi finals and put it in the center box for day 15. You're done! A sample completed bracket is also below.

