



LoungeORama

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This 1.7GB sample collection from Ueberschall's Nouvelle series comes wrapped in the company's Elastik virtual instrument in multiple plug-in formats for Mac and PC (there's also a standalone version). This system, as we have remarked before, brings both pros and cons: the instrument has some on-board controls for modifying the samples, which some will find useful, but on the other hand, you can't access the raw samples, so you're sort of tied to using it.

The library comprises 880 loops, all beautifully recorded, in the styles of lounge, downtempo and electronica and gentle Latin vibes. These are collected into 20 construction kits covering intros, outros, verses and refrains. Stylistically it's very much along the lines of St Germain, Thievery Corporation and Morcheeba's quieter moments, with a healthy dose of bossa nova and mambo thrown in for good measure.

Each kit contains three sections: the drums, backing and a mixture of both. Within each section are multiple samples where the constituent instruments can be singled out and brought in or out by clicking cells in the interface. As such it's very easy to build tracks and the samples are both musically and sonically excellent – smooth, lush, warm and relaxing.
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Verdict: 8/10

Suitably chilled downtempo grooves that required very little effect on your part to mould into tracks.

