IMPROVE YOUR ARRANGING WITH IMPROVISATION
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I. The Basics of group improvisation
   A. Circle Songs-Popularized, but not invented by Bobby McFerrin
      1. One person starts the circle song by singing a motor
      2. One person adds an interlock
      3. One person adds a contrast
      4. People harmonize and fill in as needed
II. Motor-Interlock-Contrast-
III. Traveling Trios
   A. A trio of singers who build a motor, interlock, and contrast sequentially.
IV. A cappella arrangements with Motor, Interlock, and Contrast
V. Find the Motor in pop songs
   A. We play you a pop song, you sing the motor.
VI. Take a motor from an existing pop song and build new loops around it.
   A. One person sings the existing motor. Another person adds a new interlock, different from what they already know. A third person adds a new contrast. Now you have a totally new arrangement of an existing song.
VII.   Hot Spot
   A. A game to develop and recognize familiar repertoire quickly.
   B. Procedure: http://www.casa.org/content/how-compete-riff-part-1
VIII.   Hot Spot Mash-up
   A. One person sings a song. Another person jumps into the middle and sings a different song on top of that song. A third person jumps in and sings a motor. A fourth person jumps in and sings an interlock. A fifth person jumps in and sings a contrast.
   B. The group chooses which part they want to join and sings along.
   C. Now you have a brand new mash-up arrangement.
IX. Organic Arranging
   A. One person feeds a motor, interlock, and contrast to a group of singers. They free harmonize those parts. The leader sings the melody over the top of the arrangement.

Motor: Drives the song. It is a 2-4 bar repeatable pattern that leaves space.
Interlock: Fills in the gaps. It usually starts on an upbeat and occupies the other side of the bar. The interlock zigs where the motor zags.
Contrast: Adds to the harmony by being the opposite of the Motor and interlock in terms of note length, range, syncopation, etc. It should NOT start on DO, MI, or SOL