



# Parts of a Drum Kit





# How to Hold the Sticks

### Stick to the basics!



Hold your hand out like you would to shake someone's hand.



Curl your pointer finger.



Place the stick between the 2nd and 3rd knuckle of your pointer finger. Then clamp it with your thumb.



Extend your other three fingers around the stick. Remeber to keep them loose. They are only to provide support.

# **Bonus Tips!**

- Let about an inch of the stick hang below your hand.
- Only hold the stick with your thumb and pointer finger.
  Wrap the other fingers very loosely, so the stick can bounce.



# How to Play the Drum Kit



Imagine the snare drum is a clock.



Place your sticks into the position of 4 and 8.



Keeping your sticks in the same position, lift your right hand over the left. Now your right stick is over the hi-hat and your left is over the snare.



Place right foot on the bass drum foot pedal.

# Now You're Ready to Play!



# **Drum Rudiments**

### What is a Rudiment and why do I care?

Rudiments will help you make you an amazing drummer, just like the pros! You can practice on pillows at home, on a book, a drum pad, or on your lap. All pro drummers know their Rudiments.

When you look at a Rudiment, you'll see the letters R and L. They stand for Right and Left. The first Rudiment is the single stroke.

### **Basic Drum Rudiments:**

**#1: Single Stroke** 

RLRL RLRL RLRL:

**#2: Double Stroke** 

RRLL RRLL RRLL RRLI

#3: Paradiddle

**RLRR LRLL:** 

# **Bonus Tips!**

A colon: means to repeat from the beginning. When playing a Rudiment, start slow. Keep a steady speed for at least one minute without speeding up or slowing down. When you can do that very easily, then try it faster...

Just remember, maintain your tempo (speed)!



# **Accent Beats**

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Accent beats are louder than other beats.

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# Accent on the 1st Beat:

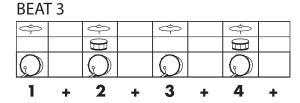
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### Accent on the 2nd Beat:

# Now try accenting other beats:



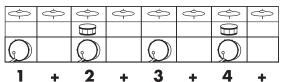
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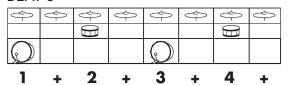
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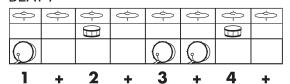
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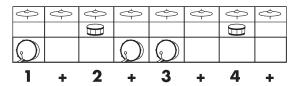
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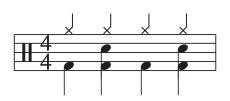
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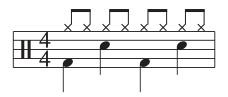


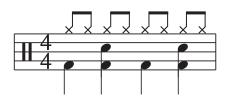
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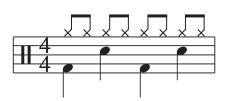


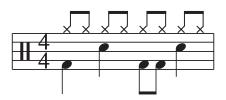
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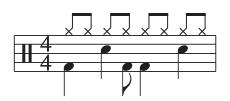








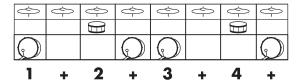






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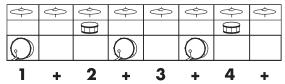
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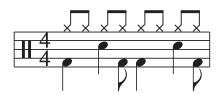
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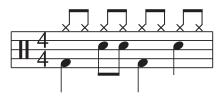
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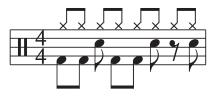
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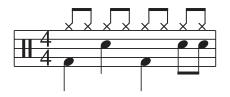














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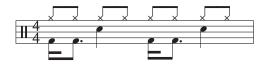


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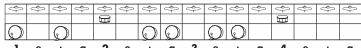


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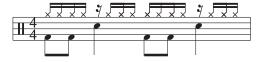
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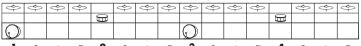


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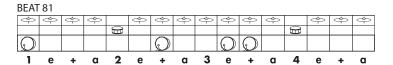




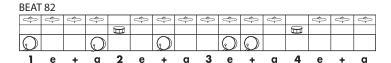


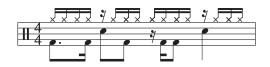
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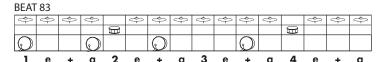
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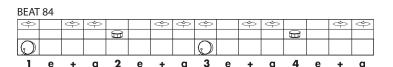




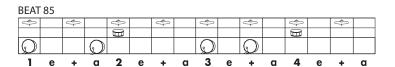


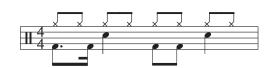






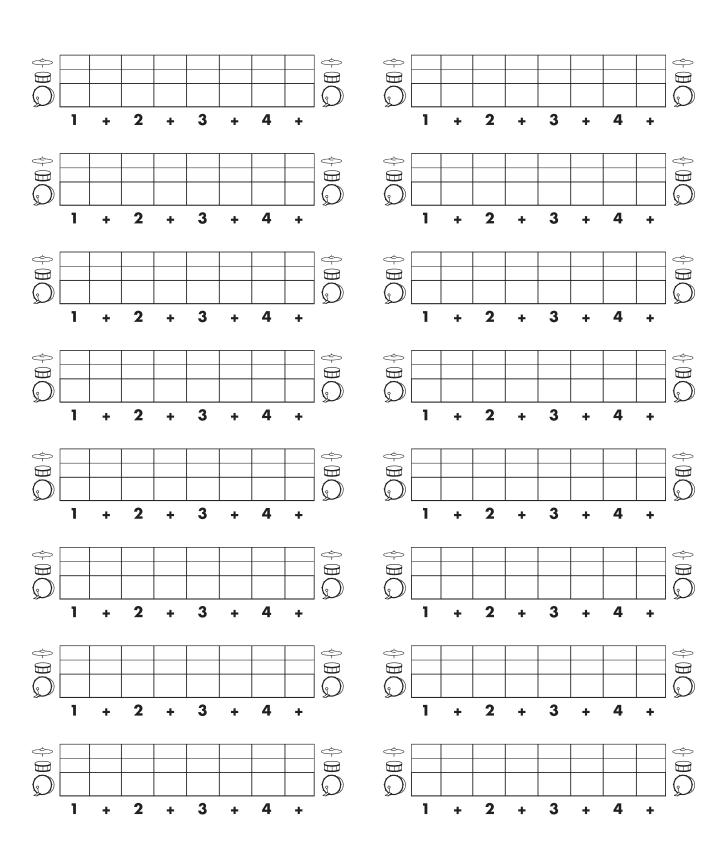








# **Blank Beats (8th Notes)**





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