

Drum Fills - Lesson One

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This lesson is designed to get you started in playing drum fills. All of the fills here are based on straight eighth note patterns around the drum kit. They should be played with alternating single strokes starting with your lead hand. Once you've mastered them you may consider practicing each using your weaker hand to lead. Most can also be played in double strokes (r, r, l, l, r, r, l, l...) leading with either hand.

Key things to remember include:

- 1) Practice the beats with a click track to train yourself to play in perfect time.
- 2) Count out loud - one, two, three four - and repeat each beat until you can play it perfectly 3x in a row.
- 2) Start out slow and slowly progress faster. Do not rush to a faster speed right away. Take your time.
- 4) Stay loose and relaxed while you play. Don't forget to breath in and out while you practice
- 5) Have fun and play some of these beats along with your favorite rock tunes.

