

Basic Drum Beats

Music

Six grooves, written out, covering most popular styles.

Counted in eighth notes: 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &. Hi-hat on every eighth unless stated.

Groove	Kick	Snare
Basic rock	1, 3	2, 4
Pop / four on floor	1, 2, 3, 4	2, 4
Half-time	1	3 only
Shuffle	1, 3 (swung)	2, 4
Bossa nova	1, 3&	rim, clave pattern
Motown	1, 3	2, 4 + eighths

Half-time is the same tempo played to feel half as fast — the snare moves from 2 and 4 to beat 3 alone.