

Drum Rudiments

Music

The core sticking patterns everything else is assembled from.

R = right hand, L = left. Practise leading with each hand.

Rudiment	Sticking	Used for
Single stroke roll	R L R L	Fills, speed
Double stroke roll	R R L L	Rolls, control
Paradiddle	R L R R · L R L L	Moving around the kit
Double paradiddle	R L R L R R	Triplet feels
Flam	grace note + R	Thickening a hit
Drag	two grace notes + R	Ornament
Five stroke roll	R R L L R	Classic fill ending

The paradiddle exists so the leading hand alternates each time. That is what lets it move across drums.