

*Slammin'  
Simon's*

Guide to Mastering Your First

# **Rock & Roll Drum Beats!**



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Hello, hello – and welcome to  
*my Guide to Mastering Your  
First Rock & Roll Drum Beats!*

My name is Simon and playing drums is my  
favorite thing in the world to do. I play so much,  
my family and friends nicknamed me  
Slammin' Simon.



My pet turtle is named Rudi,  
short for the word "rudiment."

Rudiments are basic drum hand  
patterns (or "stickings")  
that are some of the most  
important things for us  
drummers to learn.

Rudi really likes to help me  
(and *you!*) practice, by sharing  
helpful reminders and tips.

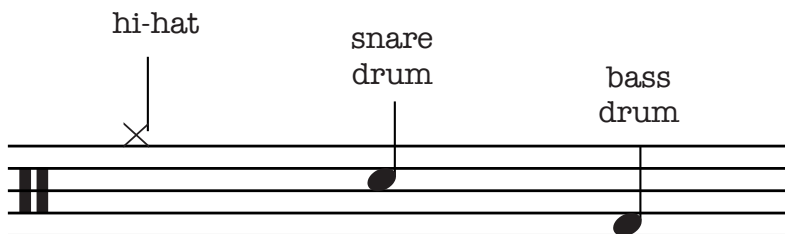
We teach you all about rudiments in some of our other guides. In *this* one, we want to show you a whole bunch of basic Rock & Roll drumset grooves, so that you can get rockin' out in no time.

Are you all ready to get going?

Cool! Grab your drumsticks, take a seat behind your drumset and let's get started.



Our drum music will be written like this...



Now the real fun begins! While keeping the hi-hat playing steady eighth notes, let's experiment with all kinds of bass drum and snare drum variations. These different combinations give us a huge variety of eighth-note Rock & Roll drumset beats to play.

Take your time as you work through these, count out loud and keep your speed nice and even. Don't try to go too fast right at first.