

Groove Solos For Drum Set

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FORWARD

Playing the drum set often requires that the player starts and maintains a steady groove (repetitive beat) in the musical style called for; be it rock, jazz, Latin, etc.. At times, embellishments (add to or decorate) to the groove with fills and such can be added.

The solos in this collection present ideas and exercises to develop this vital skill. At first, play slow and strive for accuracy with the aid of a metronome. Then, ad-lib on the written fills and embellishments. After learning the solo as written, you may also improvise on the style, spontaneously composing a solo of your own.

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Diagram illustrating common groove patterns and symbols for a drum set. The top row shows stick patterns for Bass Drum, Snare Drum, Small Tom, Middle Tom, Large Tom, and Ride Cymbal or Hi-Hat with Stick. The bottom row shows symbols for H.H. with Foot (o = splash), Crash Cymbal, Cowbell or Bell of Ride Cymbal, Clave/Cross Stick, and Stick Shot.

Bass Drum	Snare Drum	Small Tom	Middle Tom	Large Tom	Ride Cymbal or Hi-Hat with Stick (o = open + = closed)
●	●	●	●	●	x

H.H. with Foot (o = splash)	Crash Cymbal	Cowbell or Bell of Ride Cymbal	Clave/ Cross Stick	Stick Shot
x	*	⊗	x	⊗

GRADE 3
duration 2:05

1. Pickett Fence

(Up-Tempo Rock Groove)

Rock $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 144$

Bell of Cymbal

f - mf

2.

L L L

9

1.

2.

3.

4.

16

L.H.
R.H.

p

ff

24

f

cresc.

32

mf

2.

3.

sf

The sheet music consists of six staves of musical notation for a single drummer. The notation includes various note heads, rests, and dynamic markings such as *f*, *mf*, *p*, *ff*, *cresc.*, and *sf*. Performance instructions like 'Bell of Cymbal' and 'L.H.' (Left Hand) 'R.H.' (Right Hand) are also present. Measure numbers 2, 9, 16, 24, and 32 are indicated at the beginning of certain staves. The tempo is marked as Rock $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 144$.