



Video Drum Lesson #33

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The Basic Jazz-Swing Drum Beat

In building on our work from Lesson #32, here we learn the basic Jazz-Swing beat that forms the coordinational foundation of triplet-based Jazz grooves. Be sure to count out loud while you play so that your notes line up correctly in time. Also continue using the ride cymbal "Stone skipping" method I shared in Lesson #32.

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Note: As I have demonstrated before, the best way to learn new beats is to play all of the notes under a specific count out of time at a very slow speed. This way you will master the coordination of each groove without the pressure of trying to play it at a specific tempo.

Once you are comfortable with the coordination, practice the patterns above at a very slow tempo with a metronome so that notes are evenly spaced and you are hitting the ride cymbal at the correct time. Be able to count out loud as you play each exercise.

This Video Drum Lesson also comes with a practice song called Baron Von Swingin' to practice with. If the tempo of the recording is too fast for you in the beginning, I recommend you download an app for iOS or Android devices (See the DRUMMING4LIFE Lesson Resources handout that comes with every lesson) that can slow the music down so you can play it slow to learn it fast and gradually increase your speed until you reach the original tempo of the song.