

# If you were to learn one thing on the drumset: Drumset Pattern #1

Often, people sign up for lessons, curious, as to whether they would enjoy playing the drums. (usually it's the question "CAN they play the drums?") after the preliminaries e.g. holding the sticks, sitting at the drum set, identifying various components of the drum set, and how they work. I would say "If you were to quit drum lessons tomorrow, this would be the one drum pattern I'd want you to walk away with"

R L R L  
B

R = right hand  
L = left hand  
B = bass drum played with the right foot

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snare  
bassdrum

starting with the snare and bass drum repeat this pattern evenly and focus on the first stroke, when your right hand and right foot play together

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snare hi tom mid tom lo tom  
bassdrum

R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L

This is where the fun starts, and creativity begins. distribute the different strokes of the pattern on the different components of the set

③

R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L

Make sure the Hi Hat is closed

Now let's put'em together

④

snare hi tom mid tom lo tom  
bassdrum

R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L R L

*play the cymbal on your right with your right hand (remember your still playing the Hi Hat)*

⑤

\*RT CYM hi tom lo tom

R L R L R L R L

R L R L R L R L

This is just the beginning, the combinations are endless, get creative, have fun! - rick