

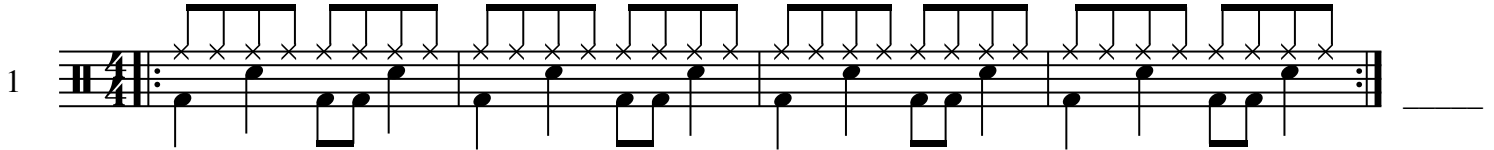
Drum Beats 4/4

Drum beats are the hallmark of a drummer's role in music. A good, solid drum beat gives the whole song a sense of stability and momentum. Choosing an appropriate beat for a song requires careful listening. Frequently the music, particularly the bass line, will reveal clues as to the right groove. **Always Serve The Song!**

For the exercises below play each line a minimum of two times (8 bars). Try each exercise on the hi-hat (as written), then on the ride cymbal while marking time with the hi-hat pedal. Focus on good control and accurate time-keeping (not speed). Remember, a simple driving beat can sometimes be more satisfying than one that is too busy and hard to follow.

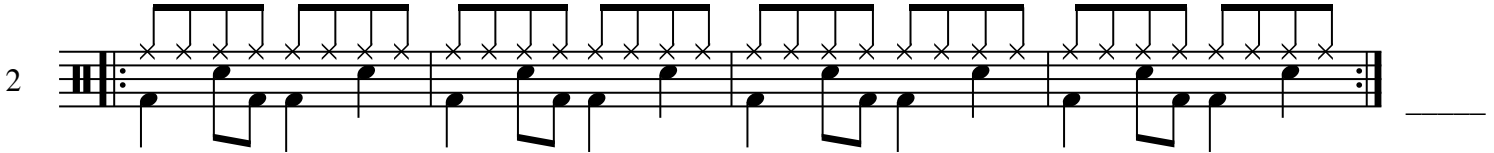
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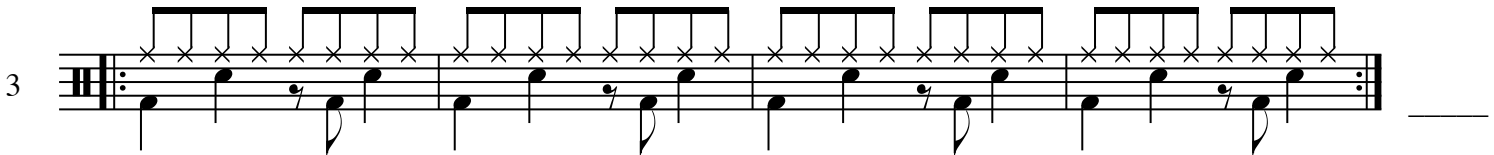
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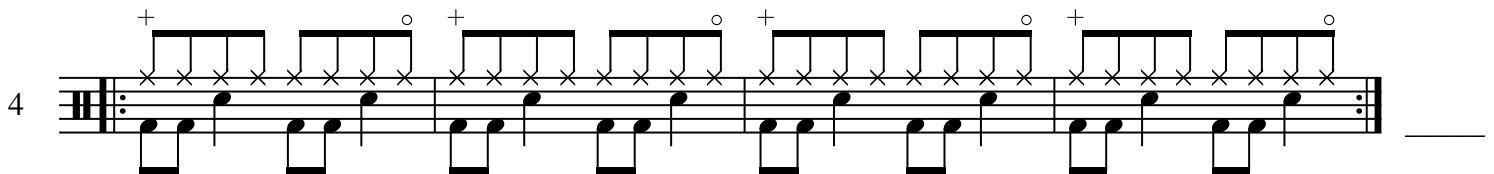
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o is the open hi-hat symbol. Close the hi-hat on the next eighth note, indicated by a +

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