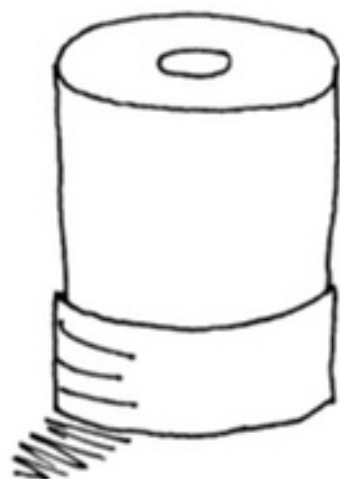


GETTING STARTED WITH BUCKET DRUMMING



Equipment

Bucket



Free

Grocery Stores
School Cafeterias
Delis
Coffee Shops
Construction shops

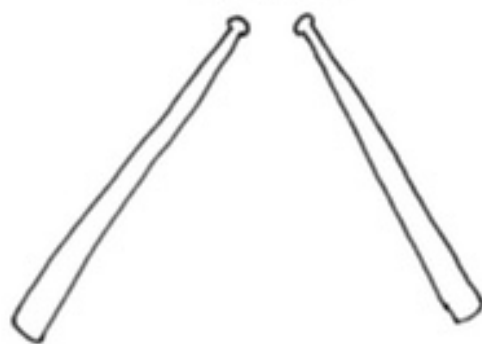
Cheap

Craigslist

Regular Price \$3-\$10

Hardware stores
Online

Sticks



Cheap

Buy in bulk
-online and in store

Regular Price \$6-\$12
online and in music stores
5a is most common size

Ear plugs

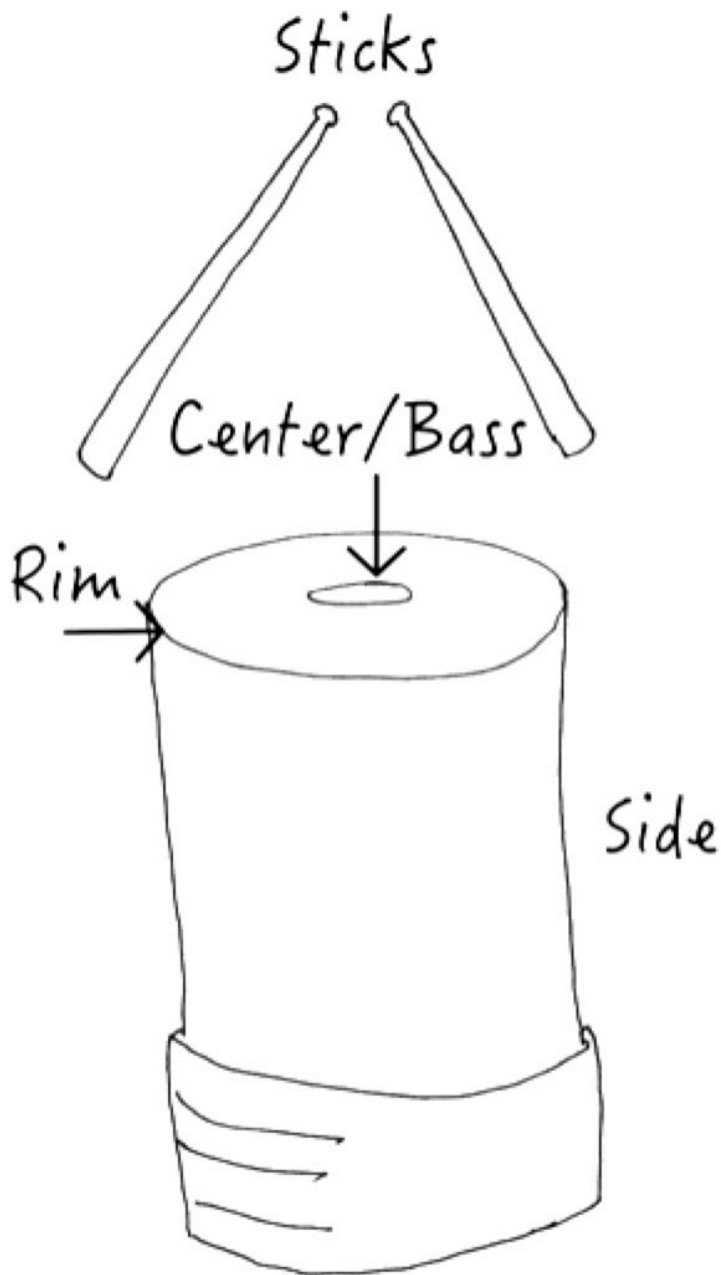


Music Stores
Grocery Stores
Pharmacy

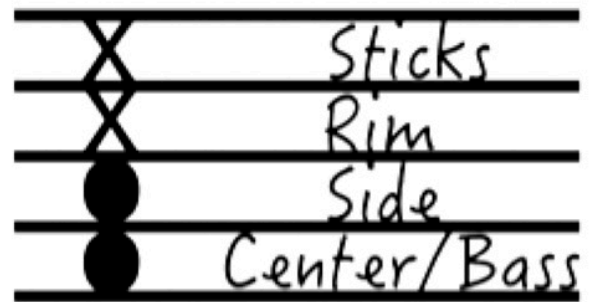
Extras

speaker
smartboard/video
projector
chairs

Four Main Sounds



Bucket Drum Notation Key

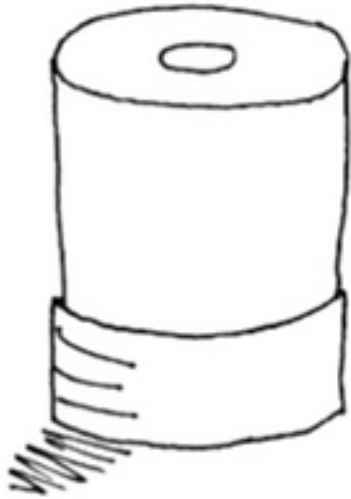


OR

- S = Sticks
- X = Rim
- D = Side
- O = Center/bass
- = Rest

Bucket Positions

On the floor



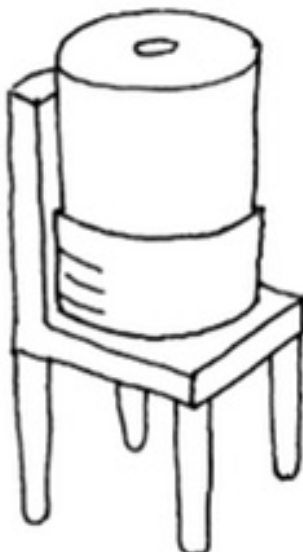
Between your legs
(off the floor)



Under your arm



On a chair

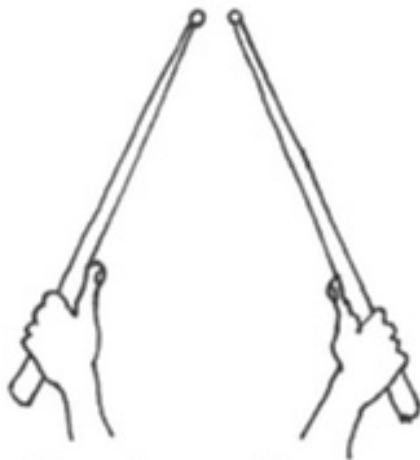


Strapped on



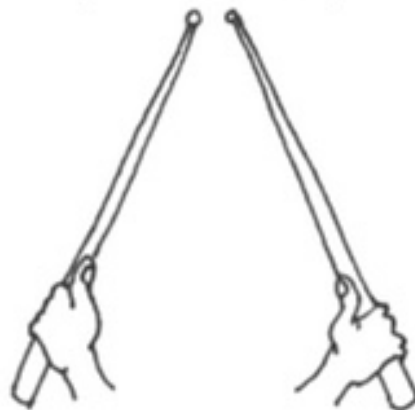
Four Stick Grips

German



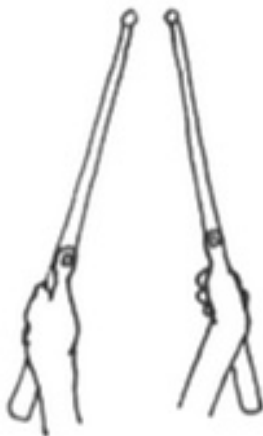
- Thumbs on side
- Stroke: like knocking on a door

American (Recommended)



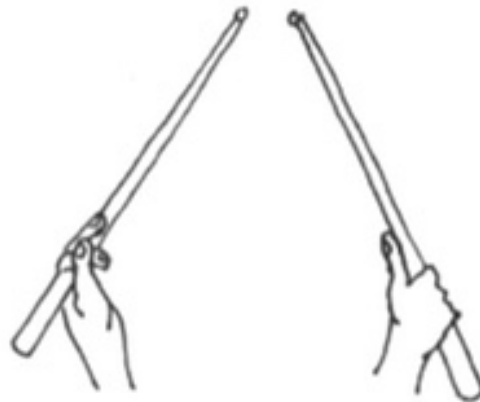
- Thumbs 1/2 way between side and top
- Stroke: like knocking on a door

French



- Thumbs on top
- Stroke: like shaking someone's hands

Traditional




- Left Hand- Thumb on top of forefinger
- Stroke: like turning a door knob
- Right Hand- Like German or American

5 Important Rhythms


Say it


Count it


Notate it

Down Beats 1 2 3 4 

*Front Beat 1 - 3 - 

Back Beat - 2 - 4 

Eighths 1&2&3&4& 

Up beats -&-&-&-& 

**I made up the term Front Beat because there isn't a standard word for it yet.*

Groove & Fill #1



Step 1: Loop (repeat) this measure until it becomes comfortable.
This is the groove.



Step 2: Play the groove three times. Then on the 4th measure just count out loud to 4. Loop it until it's comfortable.

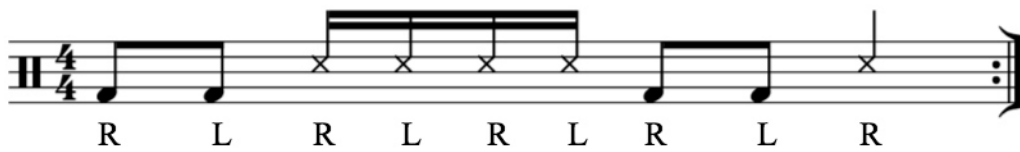


Step 3: Loop this measure until it becomes comfortable and memorized.
This is the fill.



Step 4: Combine them both. 3 measures of groove + 1 measure fill.
Then repeat.

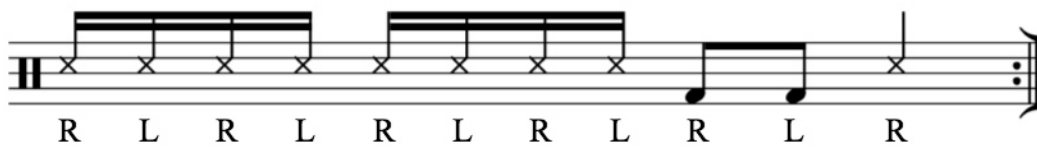
Groove and Fill #3



Step 1: Loop (repeat) this measure until it becomes comfortable.
This is the groove.



Step 2: Play the groove three times then just count out loud to 4.
Repeat it until it's comfortable.



Step 3: Loop this measure until it becomes comfortable and memorized.
This is the fill.



Step 4: Combine them both. 3 measures of groove + 1 measure fill.
Then repeat.

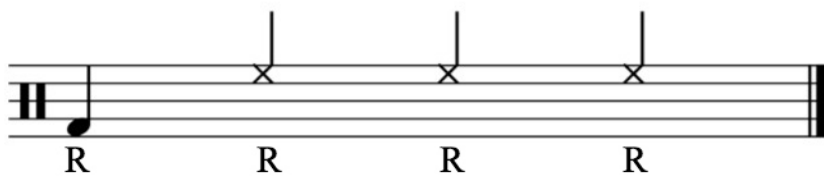
Groove and Fill #2



Step 1: Loop (repeat) this measure until it becomes comfortable. This is the groove.



Step 2: Play the groove three times. Then just count out loud to 4 and repeat until it's comfortable.

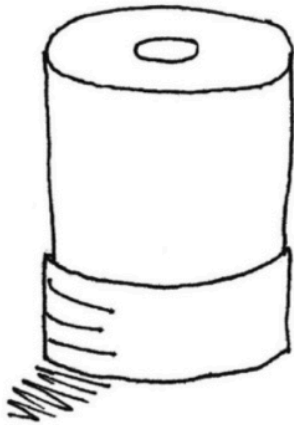


Step 3: Loop this measure until it becomes comfortable and memorized. This is the fill.



Step 4: Combine them both. 3 Measures of groove + 1 Measure fill. Then repeat.

Thank you for reading and I hope
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with bucket drumming!



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