

# THE FUSION DRUMMER

*52 beats for the Jazz-Rock Player*

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## PRACTICE SUGGESTIONS

Careful study and practice of the beats contained in **THE FUSION DRUMMER** will enable the player to acquire a *concept* and gain *facility* to play in a “jazz/rock” idiom. These are *working beats* and may be employed in appropriate situations. They are patterned after the playing of such fine drummers as Steve Gadd, Harvey Mason, Billy Cobham, Rick Marotta, Terry Bozzio to name a few. (See Discography, page 15.)

The player should also try to work out original patterns and above all else, be sure that whatever is played “fits” the music. No one cares for the mechanical player.

Practice the patterns slowly, trying always to achieve a *good feel and sound*. Try to incorporate shading and nuance into your playing.

**START ON ANY BEAT IN THE BOOK WHICH  
YOU CHOOSE AND PRACTICE IT UNTIL YOU FEEL  
RELATIVELY COMFORTABLE BEFORE GOING TO ANOTHER**

### Hi-Hat Indications:

- (c)  
x —means play on *closed* hi-hat
- o  
x —means play on *open* hi-hat
- ⊗ —means close hi-hat with foot or *foot stroke*

### Legend:

Hi-Hat or Ride Cymbal—	x
	● —Small Tom-Tom
Snare Drum—	●
	● —Large Tom-Tom
Bass Drum—	●
	⊗ —Hi-Hat (closed with foot stroke)

No. 1

Musical notation for No. 1, 4/4 time signature. HH (Hi-Hat) part: (C) with arrow pointing right. R R L R L R L R L R. SD (Snare Drum) part: quarter notes on 2 and 4. BD (Bass Drum) part: quarter notes on 1 and 3.

No. 2

Musical notation for No. 2, 4/4 time signature. HH (Hi-Hat) part: (C) with arrow pointing right. R R L R L R L R L R. SD (Snare Drum) part: quarter notes on 2 and 4. BD (Bass Drum) part: quarter notes on 1 and 3.

No. 3

Musical notation for No. 3, 4/4 time signature. HH (Hi-Hat) part: Foot (circled X), R R L R L R L R L R. SD (Snare Drum) part: quarter notes on 2 and 4. BD (Bass Drum) part: quarter notes on 1 and 3.

No. 4

Musical notation for No. 4, 4/4 time signature. HH (Hi-Hat) part: (C) with arrow pointing right. L L R L R R L R L R L R L R L R L. SD (Snare Drum) part: quarter notes on 2 and 4. BD (Bass Drum) part: quarter notes on 1 and 3.