

Conga Patterns Every Drummer Should Know



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Tumba Conga Quinto Slap Heel, toe, mute, touch



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Example 1 - Tumbao

H T S T H T O O H T S O O T O O

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

Example 2 - Bolero (Non-Traditional Variation)

H T S T H T O O H T S T H O O O

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

Traditional bolero is simply this measure repeated. See the video lesson on bolero.

Example 3 - Guaguanco (Havana)

m m B m O m O m O m O

L R L L R L R L R L R



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Example 4 - Merengue (Pambiche)

S T S O O O H S O

R L R R R L L R R

Example 5.1 - Rumba Columbia 1

H T S T O O H T O O tc tc

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

Example 5.2 - Rumba Columbia 2

H T O O O O H T O O O O

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