

# Reggae Drum Beats



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Legend for drum notation:

- Kick
- Snare
- Cross-stick
- Hi-Hat / Ride
- Crash
- Rack Tom
- Floor Tom
- Mute
- Hi-Hat w/ Foot



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### Example 1 - One Drop

Musical notation for Example 1 - One Drop. The notation shows a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat. The drum part consists of a kick drum on the first and third beats, a snare drum on the second and fourth beats, and a cross-stick on the second and fourth beats. There are also hi-hat/ride and crash symbols above the snare and cross-stick notes.

### Example 2 - Steppers

Musical notation for Example 2 - Steppers. The notation shows a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat. The drum part consists of a kick drum on the first and third beats, a snare drum on the second and fourth beats, and a cross-stick on the second and fourth beats. There are also hi-hat/ride and crash symbols above the snare and cross-stick notes.

### Example 3 - Rockers

Musical notation for Example 3 - Rockers. The notation shows a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat. The drum part consists of a kick drum on the first and third beats, a snare drum on the second and fourth beats, and a cross-stick on the second and fourth beats. There are also hi-hat/ride and crash symbols above the snare and cross-stick notes.



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## Cymbal Variations

### Variation 1 - Shuffle (straight)



### Variation 2 - Shuffle (swing)



### Variation 3 - Triplet Syncopation



## Cross Stick Variations

### Variation 1



### Variation 2



Drum Fills

Example 1

Example 2