

Making Conga Patterns Interesting



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Tumba Conga Quinto Slap Heel, toe, mute, touch Shaker



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Basic Conga Pattern

H T S T H T O O

L L R L L L R R

1. Leave Out A Tone

H T S T H T O T

L L R L L L R L

2. Add A Tone

O H S T H T O O

R L R L L L R L

3. Move It Around The Drums

H T S T H T O O

L L R L L L R R



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4. Shift The Rhythm

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

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

5. Extend The Phrase

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

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

6. Make It Half Time

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

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

7. Flip The Pattern

O O H T S T H T

R R L L R L L L

8. Add Mute Tones

O O S tc m m O S tc tc

R L R R L L R L R L

9. Play Like Drum set

O tc tc S tc tc O O S tc tc

R R L R R L R L R L

10. Add Other Percussion

