

ROCK: QUARTER NOTE GROOVES

Playing a quarter note rock groove is one of the many ways you could approach playing in a Rock style. Playing these grooves will really start to build your bass drum and snare drum independence.

Playing with **loose hats** is also another key characteristic commonly featured in the Rock genre. This is usually indicated by consistent open hi-hat symbols above every hi-hat note.

Try this simple groove to get you started.

TIP: focus on a consistent hi-hat sound, even bass drum placement, and a quick tempo:

Ex. 1

1 2 3 4

Now try these grooves:

Ex. 2

Ex. 3

Ex. 4

Ex. 5

Ex. 6

Ex. 7

Ex. 8

Ex. 9

Ex. 10

Ex. 11