

SIMPLE FILLS. FOUNDATION

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THE ABILITY TO PLAY SIMPLE GROOVES WELL IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY OF ANY RHYTHM SECTION PLAYER.

IN THIS LESSON WE ARE GOING TO PLAY THREE OF THE MOST OFTEN USED FILLS ON THE PLANET!

I DOUBT IF I EVER PLAY A GIG WITHOUT PLAYING ALL OF THESE.

FIRST WE PLAY THE PATTERNS ON THE SNARE WITH THE KICK DRUM 4 IN THE BAR.

DRUM SET

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NOW WE PLAY THE FIGURE AS A ONE BEAT FILL ON THE FOURTH BEAT OF A 2 BAR RIFF.

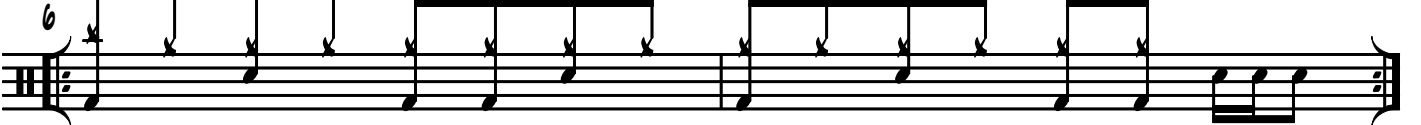
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NOW SEE HOW MANY WAYS YOU CAN PLAY THESE SIMPLE PATTERNS OVER THE TOMS AND SNARE. AS IN EXAMPLE 7.

THEN TRY PLAYING THEM WITH ANY OTHER 1/8" OR 1/16" KICK DRUM PATTERN YOU KNOW.

WHEN YOU PRACTICE FILLS ITS A GOOD IDEA TO PLAY THEM WITH A 2, 4 OR 8 BAR TIME PATTERN, AS THIS IS HOW YOU WILL MOST OFTEN PLAY THEM WITH A BAND.