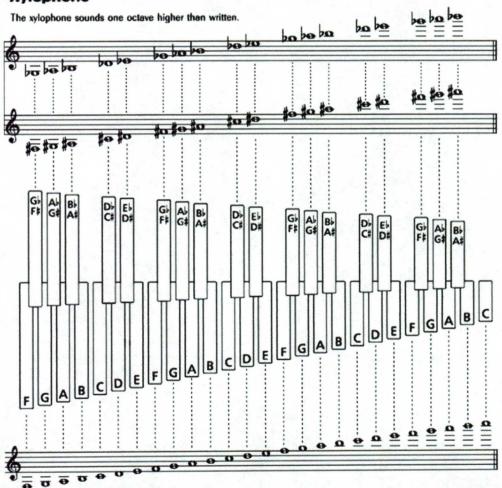
Parts of the Snare Drum



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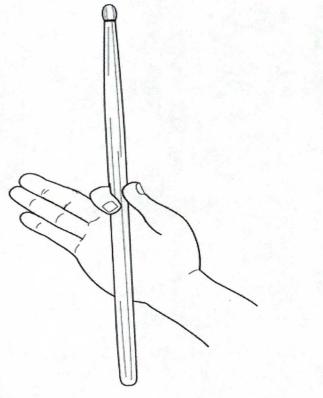


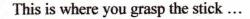
The Matched Grip

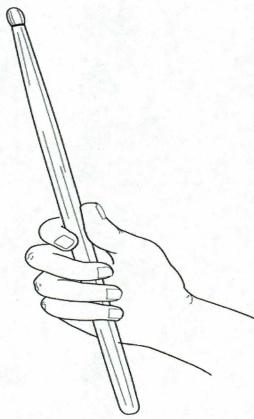
Matched grip is the most commonly used grip today, especially among rock drummers. Since both your hands use an identical grip, it's easier to learn; this grip also makes it easier to reach over and play the right side of your drumset with your left hand.

Another advantage to matched grip is that it's pretty much how you'd grab the sticks instinctively. Reach out with your hand and grab the stick about a third of the way from the butt end. Grab it with your thumb and the first joint of your index finger, then close your other fingers loosely around the stick. Now turn your wrist so that the back of your hand is facing upward and the stick is angled inward at about a 45-degree angle.

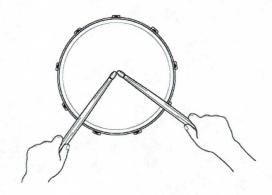
Repeat this procedure with your other hand, and you've mastered the matched grip!



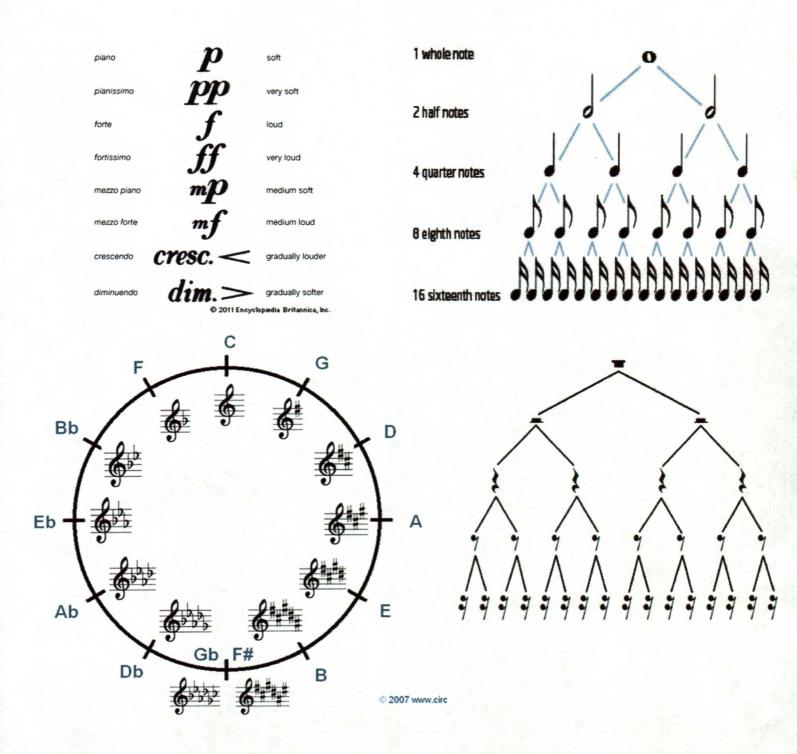


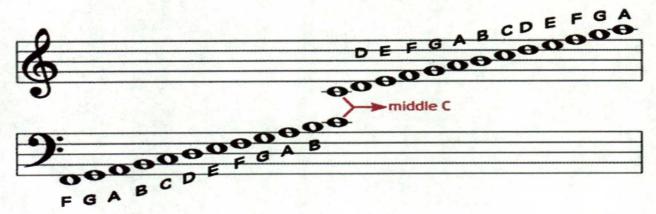


... and this is how you hold the stick.



Positioning your hands with matched grip.





Basic Tempo Markings

From fastest to slowest, the common tempo markings are:

- Prestissimo extremely fast (200 and above bpm)
- Vivacissimamente adverb of vivacissimo, "very quickly and lively"
- Vivacissimo very fast and lively
- Presto very fast (168–200 bpm)
- · Allegrissimo very fast
- Vivo lively and fast
- Vivace lively and fast (≈140 bpm)
- Allegro fast and bright or "march tempo" (120–168 bpm)
- Allegro moderato moderately quick (112–124 bpm)
- Allegretto moderately fast (but less so than allegro)
- · Allegretto grazioso moderately fast and gracefully
- Moderato moderately (108–120 bpm)
- Moderato espressivo moderately with expression
- Andantino alternatively faster or slower than andante
- Andante at a walking pace (76–108 bpm)
- · Tranquillamente adverb of tranquillo, "tranquilly"
- Tranquillo tranquil
- Adagietto rather slow (70–80 bpm)
- Adagio slow and stately (literally, "at ease") (66–76 bpm)
- · Grave slow and solemn
- Larghetto rather broadly (60–66 bpm)
- Largo Very slow (40–60 bpm), like lento
- Lento very slow (40–60 bpm)
- Largamente/Largo "broadly", very slow (40 bpm and below)
- Larghissimo very very slow (20 bpm and below)

Articulation Terms:

- · Marcato marching tempo "Stacotto-ish" Strong
- Misterioso slightly slower than marcato
- Tempo comodo at a comfortable speed
- Tempo giusto at a consistent speed
- L'istesso tempo at the same speed
- Non troppo not too much (e.g. Allegro ma non troppo, "fast but not too much")
- Assai rather, very, enough as is needed (e.g. Adagio assai)
- Con with (e.g. Andante con moto, "at a walking pace with motion")
- Molto much, very (e.g. Molto allegro)
- Poco a little (e.g. Poco allegro)
- Quasi as if (e.g. Più allegro quasi presto, "faster, as if presto")
- tempo di... the speed of a ... (e.g. Tempo di valse (speed of a waltz), Tempo di marcia (speed of a march))

All of these markings are based on a few root words such as 'allegro', 'largo', 'adagio', 'vivace', 'presto' 'andante' and 'lento'. By adding the -issimo ending the word is amplified, by adding the -ino ending the word is diminished, and by adding the -etto ending the word is endeared. Many

tempos also can be translated with the same meaning, and it is up to the player to interpret the speed that best suits the period, composer, and individual work.

N.B. Metronome markings are a guide only and depending on the time signature and the piece itself, these figures may not be appropriate in every circumstance.

Common qualifiers

- assai very, very much, as in Allegro assai (but also understood by some as "enough")
- · con brio with vigour or spirit
- · con fuoco with fire
- con moto with motion
- non troppo not too much, e.g. Allegro non troppo (or Allegro ma non troppo) means "Fast, but not too much."
- · non tanto not so much
- molto much, very, as in Molto allegro (very fast and bright) or Adagio molto
- poco slightly, little, as in Poco adagio
- più more, as in Più allegro; used as a relative indication when the tempo changes
- meno less, as in Meno presto
- poco a poco little by little
- In addition to the common allegretto, composers freely apply Italian diminutive and superlative suffixes to various tempo indications: andantino, larghetto, adagietto, and larghissimo.

Mood markings with a tempo connotation

Some markings that primarily mark a mood (or character) also have a tempo connotation:

- Agitato agitated, with implied quickness
- Appasionato to play passionately
- Dolce sweetly
- Espressivo expressively
- Furioso to play in an angry or furious manner
- Giocoso merrily
- Lacrimoso tearfully, sadly
- Maestoso majestic or stately (which generally indicates a solemn, slow movement)
- Morendo dying
- · Sostenuto sustained, sometimes with a slackening of tempo
- Scherzando playful
- Vivace lively and fast, over 140 bpm (which generally indicates a fast movement)

Terms for change in tempo

Composers may use expressive marks to adjust the tempo:

- Accelerando speeding up (abbreviation: accel.)
- · Allargando growing broader; decreasing tempo, usually near the end of a piece
- Meno mosso less movement or slower
- Mosso movement, more lively, or quicker, much like più mosso, but not as extreme

- · Più mosso more movement or faster
- Rallentando slowing down, especially near the end of a section (abbreviation: rall.)
- Ritardando slowing down (abbreviation: rit. or more specifically, ritard.)
- Ritenuto slightly slower; temporarily holding back. (Note that the abbreviation for
 ritardando can also be rit. Thus a more specific abbreviation is riten. Also sometimes
 ritenuto does not reflect a tempo change but a character change instead.)
- Rubato free adjustment of tempo for expressive purposes
- Stretto rushing ahead; temporarily speeding up
- · Stringendo pressing on faster

While the base tempo indication (such as *allegro*) appears in large type above the staff, these adjustments typically appear below the staff or (in the case of keyboard instruments) in the middle of the grand staff.

They generally designate a gradual change in tempo; for immediate tempo shifts, composers normally just provide the designation for the new tempo. (Note, however, that when Più Mosso or Meno Mosso appears in large type above the staff, it functions as a new tempo, and thus implies an immediate change.) Several terms control how large and how gradual this change are:

- poco a poco bit by bit, gradually
- subito suddenly
- poco a little
- · molto a lot
- assai quite a lot, very

After a tempo change, a composer may return to a previous tempo in two different ways:

- a tempo returns to the base tempo after an adjustment (e.g. "ritardando ... a tempo" undoes the effect of the ritardando).
- Tempo primo or Tempo I denotes an immediate return to the piece's original base tempo after a section in a different tempo (e.g. "Allegro ... Lento ... Tempo I" indicates a return to the Allegro). This indication often functions as a structural marker in pieces in binary form.

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