

All Possible Eighth-Note Bass Drum Patterns!

Below are all 256 different bass drum grooves using eighth notes! (Include bass drum sixteenth notes to get to 65,536 possibilities! Include bass drum and snare drum sixteenth notes to get all the way to 4,294,967,296 possible drum grooves!)

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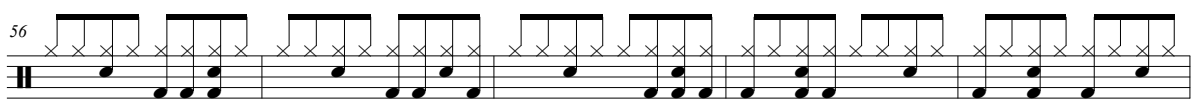
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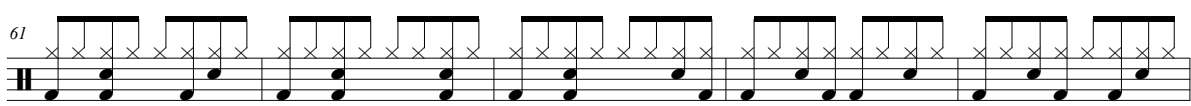
The image displays 256 different eighth-note bass drum patterns in 4/4 time, organized into three sections:

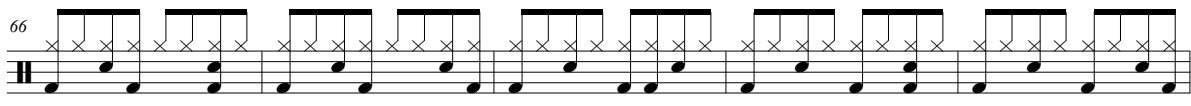
- Section 0:** Patterns 0 through 31. Each pattern is shown on a five-line staff with a drum set icon on the left. The notation uses 'x' for snare and 'o' for bass drum. The patterns are grouped into four measures per line.
- Section 1:** Patterns 36 through 41. This section contains six patterns, each on a five-line staff with a drum set icon on the left.
- Section 2:** Patterns 41 through 41 (labeled as such in the image). This section contains five patterns, each on a five-line staff with a drum set icon on the left.

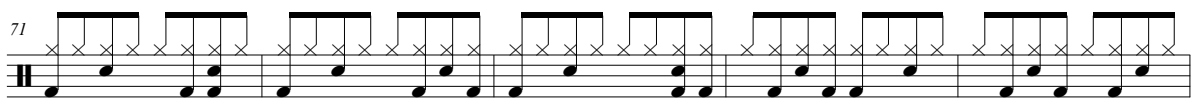
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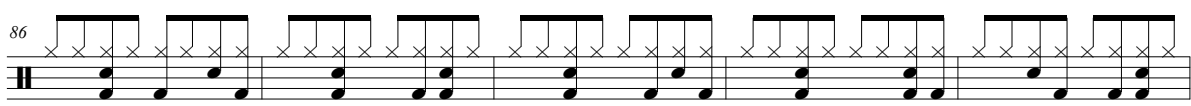
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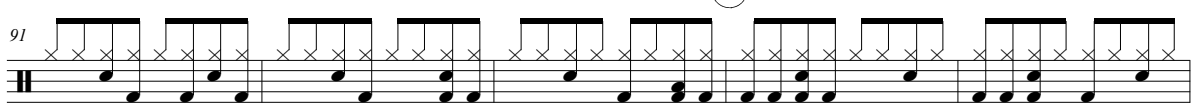
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Now go back and try these grooves with the snare drum on count 3, or using 16th notes on the hihat!
 Right-handers, can you do all of these with the left hand on the hihat and right hand on the snare drum?
 Left-handers, can you do all of these with the right hand on the hihat and the left hand on the snare drum?