

Swing Cymbal Beat

Jazz is the music that gave birth to the drum kit as we know it, and the fundamental drum feel in jazz is the swing cymbal beat. The beat itself is very simple, consisting of only ride cymbal and hi-hat pedal strokes, leaving the drummer space to improvise bass drum and snare drum rhythms over the beat.

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Count: ① + a ② + a ③ + a ④ + a

RIDE CYMBAL

HI-HAT PEDAL STROKE

With Metronome
 Play at ♩ = 60 Repeat all EXs at ♩ = 100

EXs 1-6 - Building The Beat

EX. 1 - Quarter-Notes On Ride Cymbal

① + a ② + a ③ + a ④ + a

EX. 2 - Add Hi-Hat Pedal On 2 & 4

① + a ② + a ③ + a ④ + a

EX. 3 - Shuffle Ride Pattern

① + a ② + a ③ + a ④ + a

EX. 4 - Full Beat

① + a ② + a ③ + a ④ + a

EX. 5 - Light Swing Notes

EX. 6 - Heavy 2 & 4