

The Overlooked John Bonham Beat

Four Sticks By Led Zeppelin

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John Bonham's beat is unusual in that it involves only toms with an occasional snare hit and crash and an alternating foot pattern of Hi Hat on downbeat and Bass Drum on upbeat throughout the song for some unusual independence.

Make sure to start the pattern with HH foot on downbeat with your hands.

5/8 Section

Main pattern #1 through intro and verses and right hand can be played a few ways

6/8 Section

Pattern #2 played and end of intro and verses sections to go back to Pattern #1

Pattern #3 played in bridges and choruses with crash added only every few bars