N.B.: In general, note stems face downward when they are played by the feet and upward when they are played by the hands. However, it is possible to combine all the members together in as a kind of percussive "chord." This method is especially useful for writing beats and is commonly used in Modern Drummer magazine.

Sample Beats

"Walk This Way" - Aerosmith

"I Got You (I Feel Good)" - James Brown

"La Bamba" - Ritchie Valens

"One" - Metallica
Swing

"Mack The Knife" - Bobby Darin

Rock

"Californication" - Red Hot Chili Peppers

"She Loves You" - The Beatles

Sample Drum Fills

Motown Cliché

OR - this and other variants

80s Cliché 1

80s Cliché 2

Disco Cliché

"I Will Survive" - Gloria Gaynor

Rock-Pop Ballad

"November Rain" - Guns n' Roses

"My Heart Will Go On" - Céline Dion

Rock Cliché

"Rock n' Roll, Hoochie Koo" - Rick Derringer

Rock Build-Up/Crescendo + Beat

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