

# Finding the right Drum Beat

## Pulse

Find the pulse or the beat of the music

## Time Signature

Count how many counts in each bar?

2, 3, 4 or something else?

## Subdivisions

Decide if there are any subdivisions of the beat.

No subdivision, 2's, 3's, or 4's

What kind of sound is it?

Closed HH, loose HH, Ride, or Crash?

If it's a triplet subdivision is it a

12/8 Feel, Shuffle, or Swing (jazz)

## Snare Drum

Is there a Snare drum back beat on 2 and 4?

What kind of sound is it?

## Bass Drum

Listen to the BD pattern. Is it...

A) On beats 1 and 3

B) 4 on the floor or

C) Something different