

STRUMMING AND RHYTHM

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Symbols and terms:

Numbers (1 2 3 4) = Down beat/quarter notes

+ (**and**) = Beat subdivision/eighth notes

D = Down strum

U = Up strum

(D) = Missed down strum

B = Bass note(s) of the chord

X = Raked/muted

R = Rest/silence

> = Accented beat (played louder)

Beat

1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U

Strumming direction

IMPORTANT

1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
D		D	U		U	D	

The gaps in the strumming directions above never mean stop the motion of your strumming arm. Your arm always continues the strumming motion as you miss the strings.

FIRST STRUM PATTERNS

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A	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
1	D		D		D		D	
2	D		D		D		D	U
3	D		D		D	U	D	
4	D		D	U	D		D	
5	D	U	D		D		D	

E	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
1	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U
2	D	U	D	U	D	U		U
3	D	U	D	U		U	D	U
4	D	U		U	D	U	D	U
5	R	U	D	U	D	U	D	U

B	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
1	D	U	D		D	U	D	
2	D		D	U	D		D	U
3	D	U	D	U	D		D	
4	D		D	U	D	U	D	
5	D		D		D	U	D	U

F	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
1	D	U		U	D	U		U
2	R	U	D	U		U	D	U
3	D	U	D	U		U		U
4	R	U	D	U	D	U		U
5	R	U		U	D	U	D	U

C	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
1	D	U	D		D		D	U
2	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	
3	D	U	D	U	D		D	U
4	D	U	D		D	U	D	U
5	D		D	U	D	U	D	U

G	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
1	D	U		U	D	U	D	U
2	D	U	D	U		U	D	
3	D	U		U	D		D	U
4	D	U	D		D	U		U
5	D	U		U		U		U

D	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
1	B		D	U	B		D	U
2	B		D	U	D		D	
3	B		D		D		D	U
4	D	U	D		B		D	U
5	D	U	D	U	B		D	U

H	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
1	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
2	D	D	D	U	D	D	D	U
3	D	U	X	U	D	U	X	U
4	D		D	U		U	D	U
5	D		X	U		U	D	U