

6/8 Strum Patterns

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Pattern 1

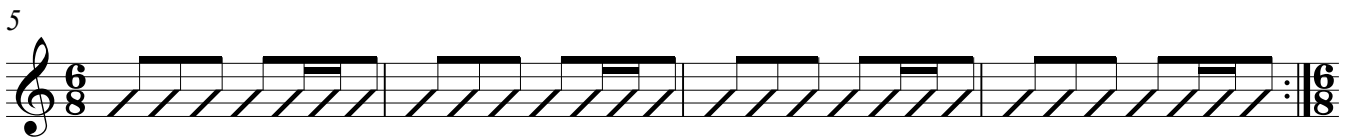


Count 1 2 3 4 5 6 etc

Tap your foot twice per bar, once on the 1 count, and once on the 4 count. Count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 as you play. Accent the 1 and 4 count equally, and stronger than the other beats.

The strum pattern is Down, down, down, Down, down, down.

Pattern 2



Count 1 2 3 4 5 & 6 etc

Keep the foot taps and accents on the 1 and 4 beats the same. This time count 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, &, 6. The strum pattern is Down, down, down, Down, down, up, down.

Pattern 3



Count 1 2 & 3 4 5 6 etc

Keep the foot taps and accents on the 1 and 4 beats the same. This time count 1, 2, &, 3, 4, 5, 6. The strum pattern is Down, down, up, down, Down, down, down.

Pattern 4



Count 1 2 & 3 & 4 5 & 6 etc

Keep the foot taps and accents the same. The count is 1, 2, &, 3, &, 4, 5, &, 6. The strum pattern is Down, down, up, down, up, Down, down, up, down.

The pattern below varies the strum pattern in each bar. Do make sure you can accurately play ALL the patterns above before attempting it. Also be careful of the last bar, strum Down on the 1 beat, and Down on the 4 beat.

The strum pattern for the last bar is Down, miss, miss, Down, miss, miss.

Keep your strumming hand moving and 'ghost' strum the misses.

