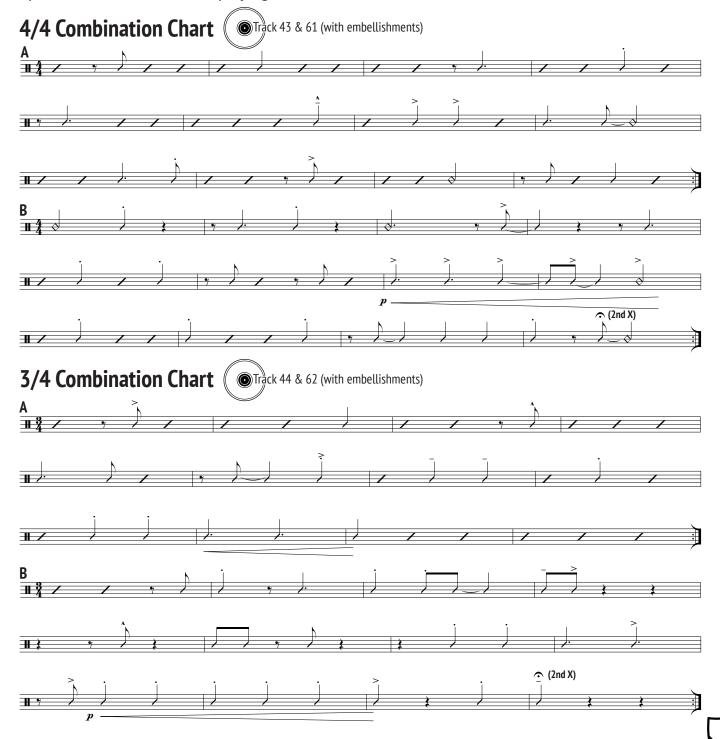
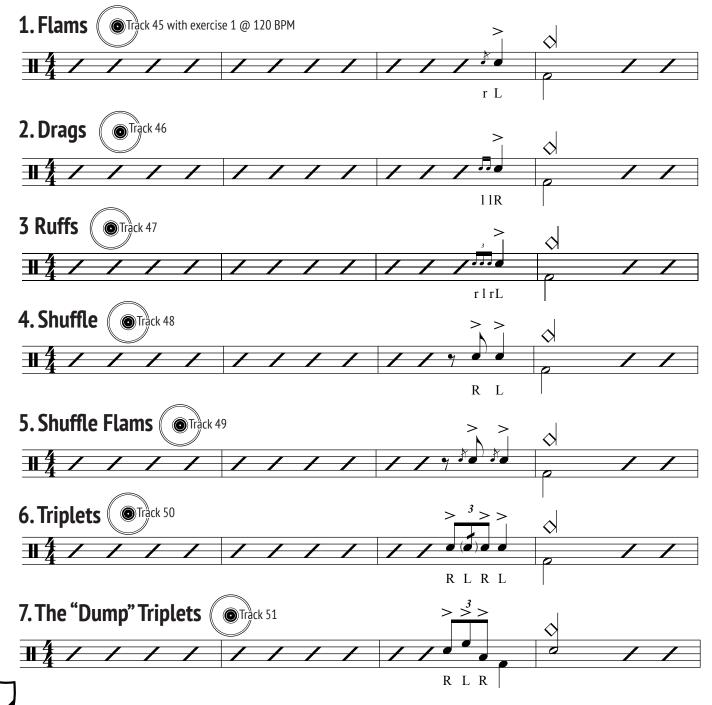
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There are more big band figures you will need to play, but in a swing feel they primarily fit into one or some combination of the eight 4/4 rhythms (exercises 1-8) or six 3/4 rhythms (exercises 9-14) presented in the previous section. You will have many opportunities to play multiple big band figures with the play-along charts. The goal of the big band set-ups is to clearly indicate to the rest of the band where the figure is to be played. Your set-up can either make this very clear or confuse the other musicians. Be sure you are comfortable playing each individual set-up in exercises 1-14 before playing these combination charts.

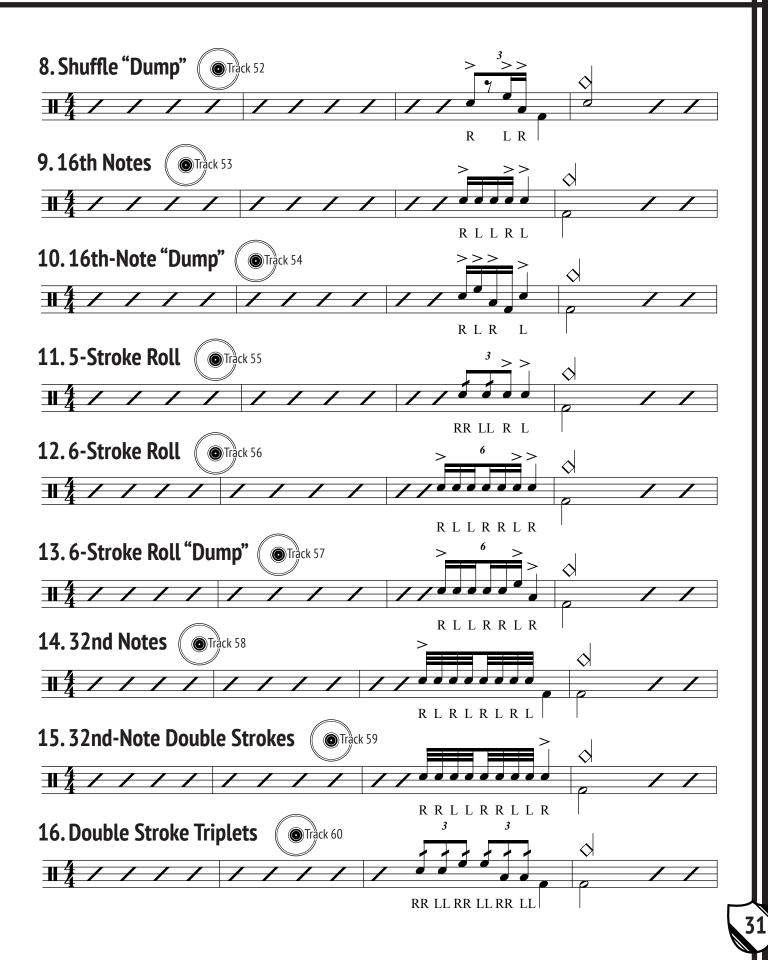


Part Six: Embellishing Your Set-Ups

Following are sixteen examples of how to embellish a set-up for beat one. Be sure to experiment with different combinations of drums and cymbal crashes. Try playing more notes on the toms and bass drum to create a thicker sounding set-up. Some set-ups work better at slower tempos while others work better at faster tempos. Recorded music is your best avenue for learning more fills and creative orchestrations with your set-ups. See the recommended listening section for a discography of recordings to listen to and learn from.



Part Six



Part Seven: Jazz Drumming Styles

azz music and jazz drumming styles have evolved for decades. From early styles through todays mix of so many genres of music, there are a number of jazz drumming styles in which to choose from. Your jazz drumming sound will be a combination of what you listen to and your drumset technique and coordination abilities. Your choice of cymbals, drums, grooves, fills, solos, dynamics and complexity should be in response to what you hear the musicians playing.

There are several important jazz drumming styles drummers need to learn. These jazz drumming styles will give you a place to start. Each style serves a unique purpose.

