

Mini Song Lesson

"Beat It"

Michael Jackson (Jeff Porcaro)

Tempo: $\text{♩} = 138 \text{ Bpm}$

Main Groove

Note: A heavy Snare effect was overdubbed on beat 4 of each bar...

Drum notation for the main groove in 4/4 time. The notation shows four measures of a repeating pattern. Each measure is divided into four beats, labeled 1, +, 2, +, 3, +, 4, +. The snare drum (indicated by an 'x') plays on beats 1, 2, 3, and 4. The hi-hat (indicated by a bracket) plays on beats 1, 2, 3, and 4. The bass drum (indicated by a solid dot) plays on beat 1 of each measure.

Simplified 1

Drum notation for Simplified 1 of the main groove. The notation shows four measures of a repeating pattern. Each measure is divided into four beats, labeled 1, +, 2, +, 3, +, 4, +. The snare drum (indicated by an 'x') plays on beats 1, 2, 3, and 4. The hi-hat (indicated by a bracket) plays on beats 1, 2, 3, and 4. The bass drum (indicated by a solid dot) plays on beat 1 of each measure.

Simplified 2

Drum notation for Simplified 2 of the main groove. The notation shows four measures of a repeating pattern. Each measure is divided into four beats, labeled 1, +, 2, +, 3, +, 4, +. The snare drum (indicated by an 'x') plays on beats 1, 2, 3, and 4. The hi-hat (indicated by a bracket) plays on beats 1, 2, 3, and 4. The bass drum (indicated by a solid dot) plays on beat 1 of each measure.