

Bonham Bass Drum Triplets

(Expanded Version)

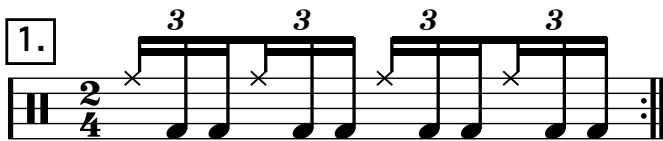
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In this lesson, you'll learn how to play triplets with the bass drum. It's a technique used by many rock, funk and R&B drummers, but made famous by John Bonham in 1968 when he played what's now referred to as, "Bonham Triplets, on the Led Zeppelin songs "Good Times Bad Times" and "I can't Quit you baby".

Start by playing the first example slowly (8th-note = 60 bpm). Keep an even triplet feel between the bass drum and hi-hat. When you become comfortable with the pattern, increase your tempo.

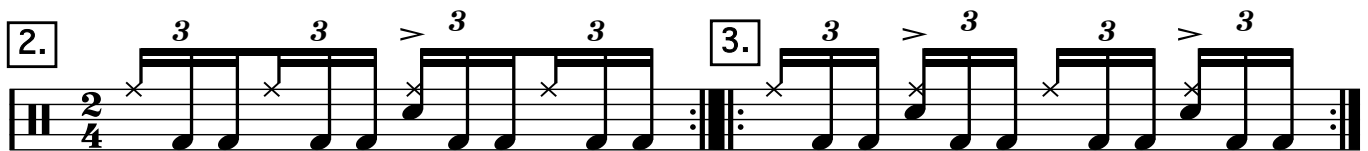
♩ = 60 - 140

1.



Now add the snare drum part.

2.



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