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Latin/Funk/Fusion Grooves Using Paradiddles and Clave

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The following groove ideas have two things in common. They are all applications of paradiddle variations with the hands and clave patterns with the feet, used to create contemporary Latin/funk/fusion grooves for drumset.

Example 1 is a Latin/fusion groove between the cymbal bell and snare drum using a double paradiddle with the hands. (Play unison hands on the last note of the pattern.)

1

R L R L R R | L R L R L L/R

Example 1A adds the 3/2 rumba clave pattern on bass drum and a quarter-note pulse with the hi-hat pedal.

1a

R L L R L R R | L R L L R L R R L

Example 2 is a half-time shuffle/Hip-Hop groove using the right lead paradiddle-diddle with the hands on closed hi-hat. The right hand comes off the hi-hat to play the backbeat on snare.

2

R L R R L L R L R R L L R L R R L L R L R R L L

Example 2A adds a bass drum part built on the 3/2 son clave.

2a

R L R R L L R L R R L L R L R R L L R L R R L L

Example 3 is a funk/fusion groove using a permutation of a single paradiddle with the hands between hi-hat and snare drum.

3

R L L R L R R | L R L L R L R R L

Example 3A adds the 3/2 son clave played primarily with the bass drum.

3a

R L L R L R R | L R L L R L R R L

Example 3B uses the 3/2 rumba clave, played between the bass drum and accented snare hits.

3b

R L L R L R R | L R L L R L R R L

Example 3C uses both the 3/2 rumba clave and the bass tumbao, while building a longer phrase ending with a 7-stroke roll on the hi-hat.

3c

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