

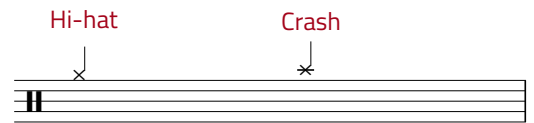
## ADDING A CRASH CYMBAL

The **crash cymbal** can usually be found just above and left of your **hi-tom**. Some drummers may also choose to have a second (often bigger) crash on the right-hand-side of their drum set (eg. above the ride).

The crash can be used for **accented** notes, which helps indicate the beginning of a section of a song to the rest of the band. This is called '**signposting**'. Be careful not to over-use it or play it in the middle of bars because it can be quite off-putting for other band members.

Crashes are usually played with a **bass drum** too.

The crash cymbal note sits a little **higher** than the hi-hat note:



To start with, try adding the crash to the start of an eighth note groove on beat one.

**Ex. 1**

Musical notation for Example 1. It shows a drum staff with a hi-hat groove. The first four beats are marked with '1 &', '2 &', '3 &', and '4 &'. A red arrow points to the first eighth note on the first beat, which is marked with a crash symbol (an asterisk). The groove continues for another four beats.

**Ex. 2**

Musical notation for Example 2. It shows a drum staff with a hi-hat groove. The first four beats are marked with '1 &', '2 &', '3 &', and '4 &'. A crash symbol (an asterisk) is placed above the first eighth note on the first beat. The groove continues for another four beats.

**Ex. 3**

Musical notation for Example 3. It shows a drum staff with a hi-hat groove. The first four beats are marked with '1 &', '2 &', '3 &', and '4 &'. A crash symbol (an asterisk) is placed above the first eighth note on the first beat. The groove continues for another four beats.

Now we are going to crash out of a drum fill at the end of a phrase (remember to repeat):

**Ex. 4**

Musical notation for Example 4. It shows a drum staff with a hi-hat groove. The first four beats are marked with '1 &', '2 &', '3 &', and '4 &'. A crash symbol (an asterisk) is placed above the first eighth note on the first beat. The groove continues for another four beats. The notation ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

**Ex. 5**

Musical notation for Example 5. It shows a drum staff with a hi-hat groove. The first four beats are marked with '1 &', '2 &', '3 &', and '4 &'. A crash symbol (an asterisk) is placed above the first eighth note on the first beat. The groove continues for another four beats. The notation ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The word 'FILL' is written above the final two beats.

**Ex. 6**

Musical notation for Example 6. It shows a drum staff with a hi-hat groove. The first four beats are marked with '1 &', '2 &', '3 &', and '4 &'. A crash symbol (an asterisk) is placed above the first eighth note on the first beat. The groove continues for another four beats. The notation ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The word 'FILL' is written above the final two beats.