

12/8 BLUES - GROOVES

This style of groove is often played quite **slowly** and is felt as **4 groupings of 3**. However, these groupings are not to be mistaken as **triplets** (this is different), and there are still **4 strong beats** in the bar.

Here is what a basic 12/8 groove sounds like:

Ex. 1

1 & a 2 & a 3 & a 4 & a

Now try the following bass drum variations:

Ex. 2

Ex. 3

Ex. 4

Ex. 5

Ex. 6

Ex. 7

Ex. 8

Ex. 9