

10 Easy Strumming Patterns

The following strumming patterns were chosen for this list so that the guitar player could build upon the technique of strumming. Adding these patterns to the Chord practice of your routine is most encouraged to further develop the right and left hand. Empty boxes provided for experimental patterns.

Pattern # 1

1	2	3	4
Down	Let Ring	Down	Let Ring

Pattern # 2

1	2	3	4
Down	Let Ring	Let Ring	Down

Pattern # 3

1	2	3	4
Down	Let Ring	Let Ring	Let Ring

Pattern # 4

1	2	3	4
Down	Down	Down	Down

Pattern # 5

1	2	3	4
Down Down	Down Down	Down Down	Down Down

Pattern # 6

1	2	3	4
Down	Down	Down Up	Let Ring

Pattern # 7

1	2	3	4
Down	Down	Down Up	Down Up

Pattern # 8

1	2	3	4
Down Up	Down Up	Let Ring Up	Down Up

Pattern # 9

1	2	3	4
la li	la li	la li	la li
↓ ↓ ↓	↓ ↓ ↓	↓ ↓ ↓	↓ ↓ ↓

Pattern # 10

1	2	3	4
e & a	-----	la li	-----
↓ ↑ ↓ ↑	↓ Let it Ring	↑ ↑ ↑	↓ Let it Ring

Beginner Guide to Creating a Strumming Pattern

Step 1 Decide if you want long strums or short strums.

Step 2 Fill in the boxes with either up strums (up arrow) down strums (down arrow). The longer the strum then the more empty boxes you leave, or you can label them with and "L" for let ring.

Step 3 Use different chords!

EXAMPLE:

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1 e & a	2 (Let Ring)	(Let Ring...)	etc.			
