

The (Cuban!) Mozambique

>> Some essential listening, outlining the Cuban mozambique's development:

- 1) Percussionist Pello el Afrokan channels Cuba's vibrant festival music into his rhythmic writing: https://youtu.be/Xj_Osua1pQE!
- 2) American pianist Eddie Palmieri adopts this same energy a little later: <https://youtu.be/xS-7n3UDVNU>
- 3) Drummers such as Steve Gadd begin to incorporate the same rhythms into their playing: <https://youtu.be/ilzvuie7Bks>

>> The CLASSIC sticking:

The notation shows a right hand (RH) and left hand (LH) pattern in 4/4 time. The RH part consists of eighth notes: quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter. The LH part consists of quarter notes: quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter, quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter. A dashed box highlights the second half of the measure, with an arrow pointing to it and the text: "Notice how lefts & rights alternate in the second half".

> And for a more authentic, nuanced bell pattern in the right hand:

The notation shows a right hand pattern in 4/4 time. It consists of eighth notes: quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter, eighth, eighth, quarter. Above the notes are accents (>) and 'x' marks, indicating a specific sticking pattern.

...try the accents on the ride bell to help bring them out:

The notation shows a right hand pattern in 4/4 time, similar to the previous one, but with accents (>) and 'x' marks on the ride bell to help bring them out.

~ From here on in let's assume these accents are present ~

>> We have feet too...

> Basic ostinato:



> Everything together:



> Try the same thing with these various foot patterns:

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2



3



4



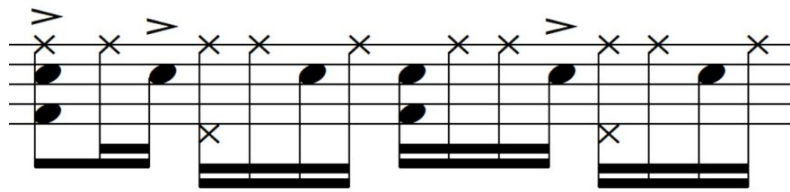
...but the fun doesn't stop at 4! Come up with your own ☺

>> And if you thought the right hand accents were hard...

...let's get all Gadd on the left:

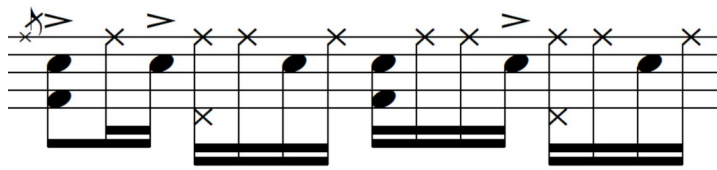


> In context with our basic ostinato:



Pro Tip:

To really capture that authentic mozambique sound as Gadd defined it, try flammings those two hands at the start, right hand first, left hand second...



> Again, don't stop at Gadd; come up with your own! For example...



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Can you hear new melodies emerging? This leads us naturally towards

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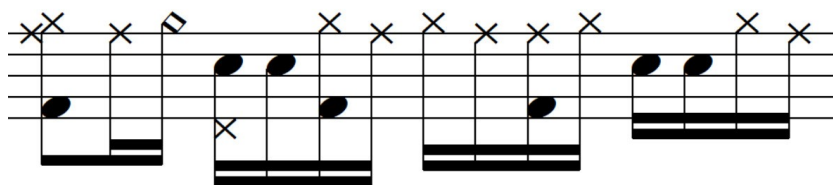
>> LEFT HAND around the kit:



>> Moving the RIGHT HAND about leads to some very funky places :

(see Stanton Moore for inspiration: <https://youtu.be/CeJKkOGXFzY>)

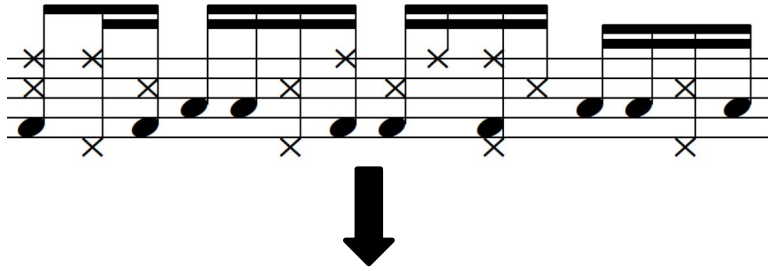
> The almighty backbeat (+ some open hihat action!):



A little help deciphering this one:



> Venturing over to Brazil with a samba-esque voicing:



Again those separated hands for clarity:



**>> for a final challenge, let's throw that left foot 2/3 rumba clave in the mix.
a nod to the groove's Afro-Cuban origins :**



Pello El Afrokán