

Diddle/Roll Exercise

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Here's a great exercise to develop your open rolls. Start slow and make sure you can play even sixteenths with a clean double stroke where marked. Observe sticking strictly. Double strokes are clearly indicated by the smaller letters.

1. RR L R L

2. R LL R L

3. R L RR L

4. R L R LL

5. (5 Stroke Roll) RRLL R L

6. (6 Stroke Roll) R LLRR L

7. (Tap 7 Stroke Roll) R LLRR LL

8. (9 Stroke Roll) RRLLRRLL R L R L (17 Stroke Roll) RRLLRRLLRRLLRRLL R