

# Syncopated 9/8 Grooves

This lesson explores a funky groove played in 9/8. Included below each version of the rhythm are two counting methods. Use whichever one helps you learn the groove. Your ultimate goal should be to play it by feel without having to count it.

You can find the video lesson accompaniment to this sheet music here: [Syncopated 9/8 Grooves Video](http://www.onlinedrummer.com/chart-topping-drum-beats/syncopated-9-8-grooves-video)

## Foundational Groove

1   
 Alt. 1 & 2 e & ah 3 e & 4 & ah 5 e

## Alternating Ride-Bell

2   
 Alt. 1 & 2 e & ah 3 e & 4 & ah 5 e 1 & 2 e & ah 3 e & 4 & ah 5 e

## 8<sup>th</sup> Notes with Hi-Hat Foot

3   
 Alt. 1 & 2 e & ah 3 e & 4 & ah 5 e 1 & 2 e & ah 3 e & 4 & ah 5 e

## Adding Ghost Strokes

4   
 Alt. 1 e & ah 2 e & ah 3 e & ah 4 e & ah 5 e