

# Snare Drum Warm-ups

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Paradiddle  
Patterns

(on repeat) R L R R L R L L R L R R L R L L  
L R L L R L R R L R L L R L R R

R L R L R R L R L R L L R L R R  
L R L R L L R L R L R R L R L L

2

Single Paradiddle  
Analysis:

downstroke ↓  
upstroke ↑  
taps •

↓ ↑ • • ↓ ↑ • •  
R L R R L R L L

Also practice full strokes: Start & finish at same height

3

Play paradiddle patterns with flam paradiddles

L R L R R R L R L L

4

Add Rolls

R L R R L R L L R L R R L R L L R L R L R R L R L R R  
L R L L R L R R L R L L R L R R L R L R L L R L R L R R L R L R

5

Open and Closed

R R R R R L L L L L L R L R L R L R R  
(11 stroke roll)

**7** **6**

R L R L R L R L R R

(13 stroke roll)

**8**

Bounces:  
(4, 5, & 6)

L R R R R RL L L L

**9** **10** **11**

L R R R R R R L L L L L L R R R R L L L L R R R R L L L L L L L L L

**12**

More Flams

1. L R R L L R R L L R R L L R R L L R R L L R R L L R  
 2. L R L R L R L R  
 3. R L R L R L R L  
 "Paradiddles" 4. L R R L L R R L L R R L R L

**13**

"Swiss Triplets"

L R R L L R R L

**14** **15**

Roll exercises:

R R L R R L R R R L R R R L  
 L L R L L R L L L R L L L R