

Rhythm Games Clapping Guide

Konnakol syllables: 2 = Taka, 3 = Takida, 4 = Takadimi

A. 2/4 in 16th notes grouped as 4+4 (Shortnin' Bread)

1 e & a 2 e & a
TakadimiTakadimi
x - - - x - - -

B. 3/4 grouped as 1+1+1 (My Favorite Things)

TakidaTakida
1 2 3 1 2 3
x x x x x x

C. 6/8 grouped as 2+2+2 (My Favorite Things)

1 2 3 4 5 6
TakaTakaTaka
x - x - x -

D. 6/8 grouped as 3+3 (House of Rising Sun)

1 2 3 4 5 6
TakidaTakida
x - - x - -

E. 6/8 Bembe grouped in 2 bars as 2+3+2+2+3 (Afro Blue vamp)

1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 4 5 6
TakaTakidaTakaTakaTakida
x - x - - x - x - x - -

F. 4/4 in triplets grouped as 3+3+3+3 (Lullaby of Birdland)

1 & a 2 & a 3 & a 4 & a
TakidaTakidaTakidaTakida
x - - x - - x - - x - -

G. 5/4 as 2 bars of 10/8 grouped as 3+3+2+2 (Take 5)

1 & a 2 & a 4 & 5 &
TakidaTakidaTakaTaka
x - - x - - x - x -

H. 7/4 as 2 bars of 14/8 grouped as 3+3+2+2+2+2 (Money)

1 & a 2 & a 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 &
TakidaTakidaTakaTakaTakaTaka
x - - x - - x - x - x - x -

I. Hemolia (2:3 Polyrhythm)

1 2 3 4 5 6
(2) TakidaTakida
h o
x - - x - -

1 2 3 4 5 6
(3) TakaTakaTaka
h c t
x - x - x -

J. 3:4 Polyrhythm

1 e & a 2 e & a 3 e & a
(3) TakadimiTakadimiTakadimi
p m b
x - - - x - - - x - - -

1 & a 2 & a 3 & a 3 & a
(4) TakidaTakidaTakidaTakida
p t a e
x - - x - - x - - x - -