

Applications: Legato Strokes

One of the most basic, yet useful, applications of the legato stroke is through 16th note variations. Note the “natural” sticking throughout the exercise.

Practice Example #4: 15-Tap-Timing

Practice this by playing the check pattern, then each variation, starting slow and repeating until mastery of each variation is accomplished. It is extremely important to play these with a metronome, and focus on playing the proper stickings, especially when first starting.

Applications: Marcato Strokes

Marcato strokes are used primarily in accent patterns and in flam passages. Any time we need to follow a loud note with a soft note, this technique is used.

Practice Example #5: 15 Accent Patterns

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