STRUMMING PATTERNS

1. All downbeats – Single strum

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D		D	

2. Downbeats and upbeats – Double strum

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U

3. One measure downbeats, one measure up and downbeats

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D		D		D		D		D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U	D		D		D		D		D	U	D	U	D	U	D	U

4. Split the measure

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D		D		D	U	D	U	D		D		D	U	D	U	D		D		D	U	D	U	D		D		D	U	D	U

5. Emphasize the 1 downbeat

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D		D	U	D	U	D	U	D		D	U	D	U	D	U	D		D	U	D	U	D	U	D		D	U	D	U	D	U

6. Emphasize the 2 downbeat

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D	U	D		D	U	D	U	D	U	D		D	U	D	U	D	U	D		D	U	D	U	D	U	D		D	U	D	U

7. Latin Strum

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D		D	U		D	U	D	D		D	U		D	U	D	D		D	U		D	U	D	D		D	U		D	U	D

8. Variation on #7 – syncopated strum

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D		D	U		U	D		D		D	U		U	D		D		D	U		U	D		D		D	U		U	D	

9. Another variation on #7

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D	U	D	U		U	D	U	D	U	D	U		U	D	U	D	U	D	U		U	D	U	D	U	D	U		U	D	U

10. Country strum

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D		D	U	D		D	U	D		D	U	D		D	U	D		D	U	D		D	U	D		D	U	D		D	U

11. Offbeat single strum

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
	U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U		U

12. Offbeat single strum - variation

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D	U		U		U		U	D	U		U		U		U	D	U		U		U		U	D	U		U		U		U

13. Bo Diddley strum – 2 measures

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D			U	D		D				D		D				D			U	D		D				D		D			

14. Brazillian strum – 2 measures

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
D		D		D	U		U		U		U	D		D		D		D		D	U		U		U		U	D		D	

15. Reggae Strumming: 2 VERSIONS

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	
		D	U			D	U			D	U			D	U			D				D				D				D	

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	

1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4		1		2		3		4	