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#### A NOTE ON THE LANGUAGE USED IN THIS BOOK

In an effort to capture the spirit of the musicians who were generous enough to allow themselves to be interviewed for this book, and also to communicate the true spirit of Art Blakey, we have retained most of the language of the original interviews, including occasional profanity and the use

of vernacular expressions. Although we made certain alterations (since we would hope that drummers of all ages will enjoy this book) we felt that the basic intention would be better served by changing the original language as little as possible.

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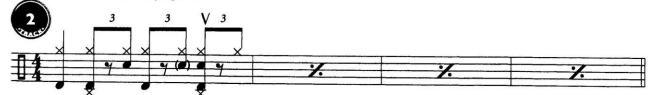
## TIMEKEEPING LICKS



#### **Opening Drum Solo**

#### COMPING IDEAS

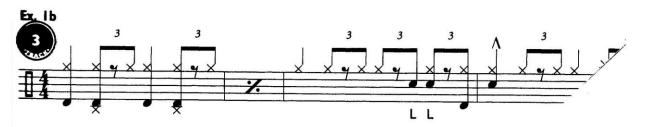
Ex. la Art's favorite comping lick



#### REFERENCE "Justice" 4th bar of trumpet solo

Be sure to play a rim shot on beat one of the last bar.

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#### REFERENCE

#### "Lester Left Towr'

Blue >

(19th bar) c

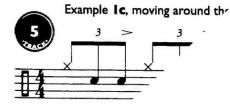
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"Little"

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Ex. Ic Practice this slowly and evenly, and be sure to accent.

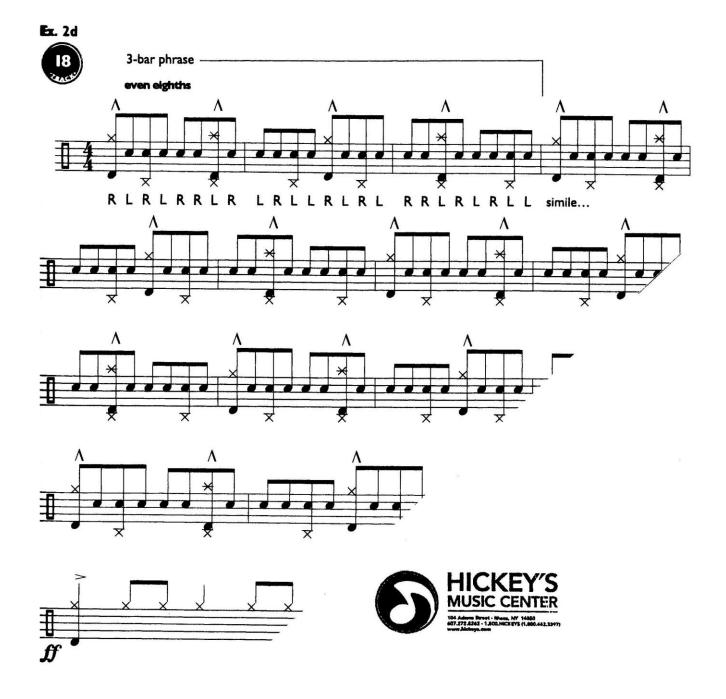




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### DOUBLE PARADIDDLE IDEAS

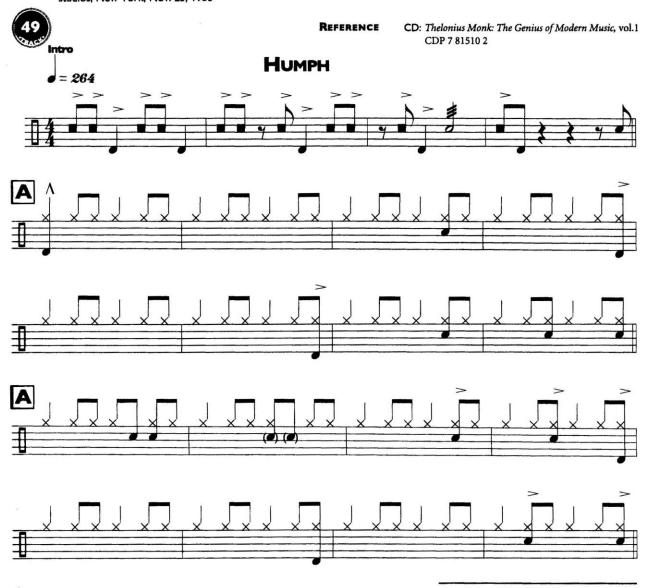
Art would sometimes employ a double paradiddle, played between the right and left cymbals on the first beat of each double paradiddle, filling in the other notes on the snare drum. The effect of this is a polyrhythm of 3 over (or within) 4.

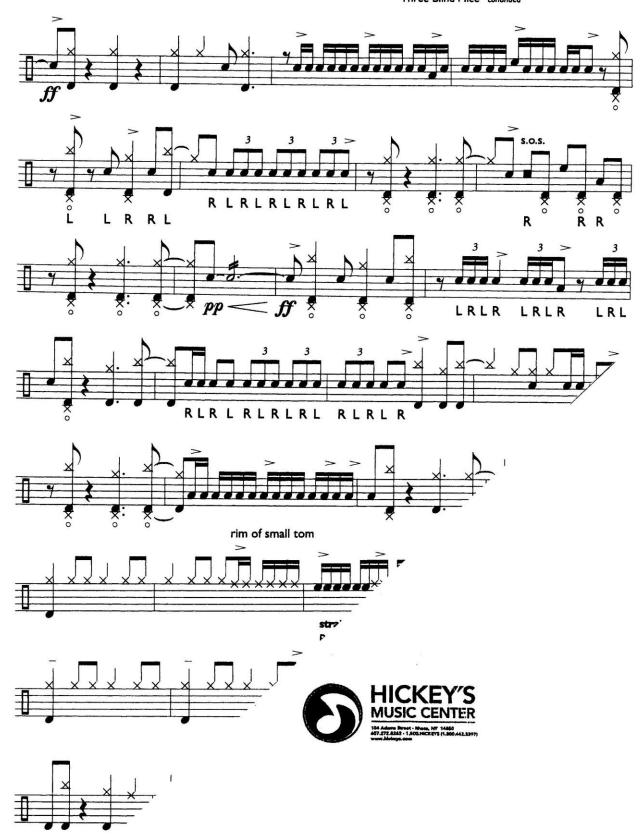


# TIMEKEEPING TRANSCRIPTIONS



Art Blakey; Horace Silver Trio session, WOR studios, New York, Nov. 23, 1953



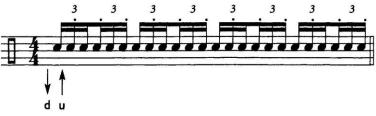


Art employed the following during solos by placing the right stick under the left stick (which is held firmly into the drumhead) and moving the right stick up and down.





Art at Lee Morgan's "Leeway" session, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, August 28, 1960



REFERENCE "Are You Real" 3rd fours on trading "fours"

album: Moanin'

Blue Note 4003; also

"The Theme" during drum solo

album: Cafe Bohemia vol. 1 Blue Note 1507

