

# MIDI DRUM LOOPS

Nuno.

## HELLO!

Thank you for downloading my MIDI Drum Loops (First Release - Oct 2020).

### IDEA

With plenty of free time during lockdown, I thought I would put some free stuff out there.

It occurred to me that recording acoustic drums are not accessible for everyone. So with this in mind, I thought I would create a small collection of short MIDI drum grooves.

They can be used as an inspiration starter, but the fact that they are MIDI means that they should be able to fit in multiple pre-existing musical scenarios.

This is perfect to help complete a demo that runs on a budget, or if you have a virtual drum sound collection you love, they will just about go anywhere.

### THE GROOVES

I tried to keep them simple, but I also added a little human touch to them - certain musical choices that I would make as a drummer, as well as some not-so-quantised hits.

I also tried to include a few different genres and styles that should be fairly clear on the files' titles.

### USING THEM ON YOUR PROJECT

You will need a DAW to be able to use these. I wrote mine with Logic Pro X, but just about any DAW should do.

Simply drag them into your project, and when asked whether you would like to import the file's tempo, click on NO. You can expect some weird tempo-mapping quirks otherwise - I have named the files with the original tempos and bar types I wrote them under, but obviously they will stretch to whatever tempo you would like to use them at, so go crazy with it. Simply loop them in your DAW and you're set!

### GETTING THE DRUM SOUNDS RIGHT

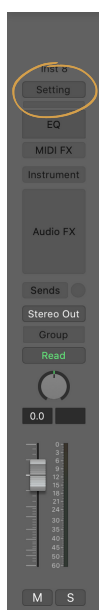
This one is fun - I have attached a Logic Pro X Instrument Channel Strip Setting File which includes the sounds that I have used to create all of these grooves. Obviously you can use any virtual drum plugin with these grooves, or just use Logic Pro X's 'Drum Kit Designer' with any drum kit that feels right with your song.

But in order to give you an idea of the drum tones I had in mind while creating these grooves, I have used the 'Retro Rock Kit' preset within Logic's 'Drum Kit Designer'.

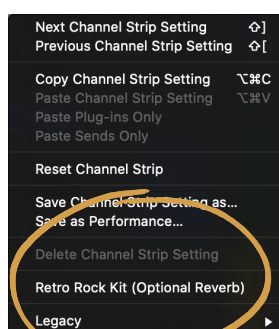
And this is what you have to do if you want to use the drum mixing and compression settings I used (this is only available on Logic Pro X).

You need to add a Channel Strip Setting preset into Logic Pro X, and the way to do this is:

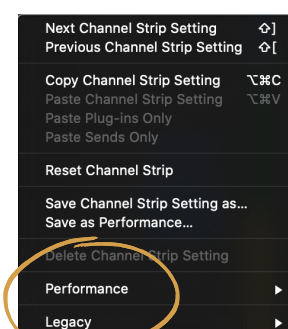
- Find the location of the Logic Channel Strip Settings on your Mac, and if you installed Logic Pro X and haven't moved its files, it should be under:  
**Macintosh HD > Users > [Your User Name] > Music > Audio Music Apps > Channel Strip Settings > Instrument > (optional) Performance**
- Drag the .cst file in this folder into the folder above (either **Instrument** or **Performance** (within **Instrument**)).
- Open up Logic Pro X (either your existing project, or a blank one) and add a Software Instrument Track onto the project. The Channel Strip should look like Pic. 1 below.



Pic. 1



Pic. 2



Pic. 3

- Right-click on Settings, as selected above, and if you saved the file in **Instruments**, the dropdown menu will look like Pic. 2, and you have only to click on 'Retro Rock Kit (Optional Reverb)' to get it on your track. If you have saved it under **Performance**, the menu will look like Pic. 3 and my Settings will be under 'Performance'.

## MORE

It also occurred to me to offer 'Custom MIDI Drum Groove Writing' as a service to anyone who needs/wants it.

Just like with any remote collaborations, you can let me know what you've got in mind for your tracks (or not, and just let me run wild with it!) and I send over to you the MIDI file(s), and if you're a Logic Pro X user, I can also send the Logic drum sounds I worked with.

The beauty of it being that you can edit the sounds/groove at any time, so while not as organic-sounding as an acoustic drum recording, it pays off in versatility and editability throughout the whole recording/producing process!

For this, simply head over to the 'Contact' section of my website, find me on my socials, or email me on [nunooliveiramusic@gmail.com](mailto:nunooliveiramusic@gmail.com).

Enjoy this simple freebie, and let me know what you think, and/or what you'd like me to do next!