

Zil Patterns with Yasmine

Right Handed: Right hand is odd number and left hand is even number. Left handed: opposite of above

These patterns can be used with 4/4 rhythms

3 (gallop)	123
337	123 123 1 2 345 6 7
355	123 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 34 5
31313	123 1 123 1 123
3513	123 1 2 3 4 5 1 123
4 (gallop)	1234

Variations: Where you see a 3 in a pattern, make it a 4 (example: 447 instead of 337)

You can create other variations by mixing up the patterns/order (example: 337; 373; 733)

Some Basic Drum Rhythms as Zil patterns:

D= "Dum", open ring with R hand if right handed

T= "Tak", closed with R hand if right handed

K= "Ka", closed with L hand if right handed or can be replaced with "is"

(Left handed: opposite of above)

tk= "tak ka", quick combo Tak & Ka, can be replaced with "is"

is= rest or hold/silence

Malfouf (2/4) *good to practice open ring and closed as well as to practice both sides/hands

D is is T is is T is

R R R

Beledi (4/4)

DD tk T D tk T tk

RR RL R R RL R RL

Saidi (4/4)

D T tk DD tk T tk

R R RL RR RL R RL

Maksoum (4/4)

D T tk T D tk T

R R RL R R RL R

This is by no means a complete list of Middle Eastern Rhythms - I highly suggest purchasing a CD of just Drum Rhythms for practice so that you can learn to listen & feel the rhythm.

- Yasmine