

Drum Set Cymbal Techniques

Bell of Cymbal - also called Dome or Cup

- play the bell strongly for a more aggressive ride cymbal tone
- play the bell lightly as a special effect

bell of ride

alternate between bell and bow

version a

version b

shoulder of stick for rock beat

f

tip of stick for special effect

p

Perpendicular Edge

hold stick vertically and strike directly toward edge of cymbal

perpendicular edge of cym

Flat Hit

strike bow of cymbal with flat edge of stick

flat hit

Scrape - scrape the top of the cymbal with a stick, metal beater, coin, or other item

- special effect

scrape

Rolls - can be played with soft mallets or sticks

steady volume

crescendo

p ————— *f*

Choke - grab cymbal to silence it

Ruffs - light bounces before main note

tip of stick for special effect

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