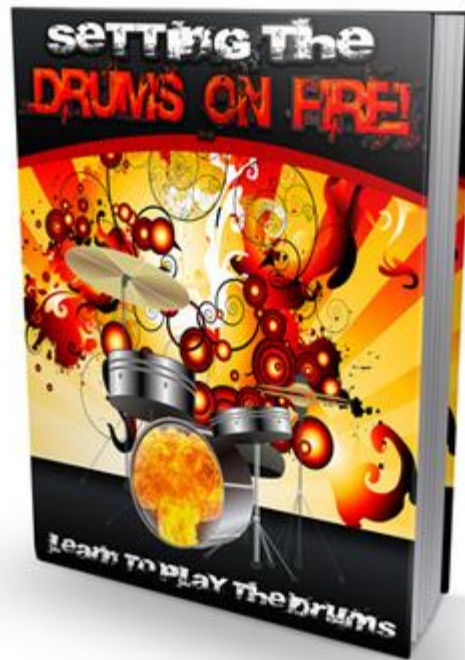


Setting the Drums on Fire



Learn to Play the Drums

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Introduction

Who doesn't love a drum solo? It's always the highlight of the show. Drums have got to be one of the coolest instruments both to play, and listen to. But more importantly, the drums are the heart of the band. The drummer is the one who sets the beat for the rest of the musicians to follow.

It would seem that drums are easy to play. After all, anybody can pick up a pair of sticks and start banging on them. But once you begin to take lessons and practice you'll soon find that they are one of the most difficult instruments to master. It takes a great deal of coordination to play the drums well. Each arm and leg is doing something different at the same time and it's not easy to have all four limbs going at once, all the while keeping good time.

If you've been considering taking up the drums as your instrument of choice there are a few things you need to know beforehand.

- Drums can be very expensive. Yes, there are some kits out there that are very cheap but the old adage holds true here too: you get what you pay for.
- They take up a lot of room.
- They're very loud
- They're fun, fun, fun. So if you can deal with the rest; go for it!

What You're Going to Need

Of course you'll need a drum set (or kit). How many drums in the kit, the sizes of the individual drums, the brand, etc.; they all depend on your personal preferences.

You'll also need the following:

- A metronome – this will help you establish a rhythm and teach you how to keep time.
- A music stand – you'll need this to hold your sheet music and drum tabs.
- Extra sticks – depending on the style of music you'll be playing you'll either be breaking a lot of sticks, or simply need a variety for different sounds.
- Drum keys – these are used to tune the drums and tighten hardware. You can't have too many of these on hand.
- A Practice pad – this is helpful, actually a must-have, for practicing the rudiments. It's very handy because it's small and very portable. You can practice while watching T.V. with one of these.
- A non-slip rug – If you have carpeting you'll want a rug to protect the carpet. If you have bare floors you'll need the rug to keep the drums from sliding all over or scratching the flooring while you play.
- A CD and/or DVD player
- Headphones

Taking the First Steps

Not only is it very interesting, but it will do you a world of good to learn about the history of the drums and drummers. Nearly every pro drummer will tell you that they learned a lot by studying the masters. Yes, even many of the most hard-core metal drummers have learned from the masters of yesteryear.

You also need to find out about the different types and brands of drums that are available. While you're studying up on these you can get started learning your rudiments with a practice pad and a pair of drum sticks. Doing it this way will give you the opportunity to discover if playing the drums is right for you before you make a large investment. So, go out and buy yourself a drum pad and a pair of sticks and get started.

Drum Practice Pads range in price from about \$17 to \$50, \$60, or more. All you really need though is something simple at first. Evans makes a very high-quality and affordable practice pad. It's also light weight and very quiet so you won't bother anybody while you practice.



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