

Simple Time Signatures

Duple	$\frac{2}{2}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{2}{8}$	$\frac{2}{8}$
Triple	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$
Quadruple	$\frac{4}{2}$	$\frac{4}{4}$	$\frac{4}{4}$	$\frac{4}{8}$	$\frac{4}{8}$

In **simple time**, **beats** can be subdivided into **two** equal notes. For example:

$$\frac{2}{4} = \text{♩} \text{♩} = \text{♪♪} \text{♪♪} \quad \frac{3}{4} = \text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩} = \text{♪♪} \text{♪♪} \text{♪♪}$$

1 2 1+ 2+ 1 2 3 1+ 2+ 3+

$$\frac{4}{4} = \text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩} = \text{♪♪♪♪} \text{♪♪♪♪} \quad \frac{3}{8} = \text{♪♪} \text{♪} = \text{♪♪} \text{♪♪} \text{♪♪}$$

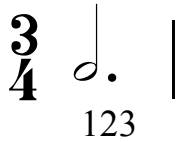
1 2 3 4 1+ 2+ 3+ 4+ 1 2 3 1+ 2+ 3+

$$\frac{4}{2} = \text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩} = \text{♪♪♪♪} \text{♪♪♪♪}$$

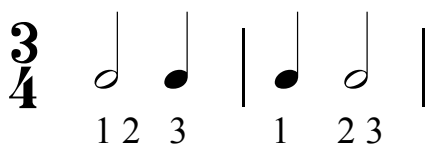
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Simple Time Beats

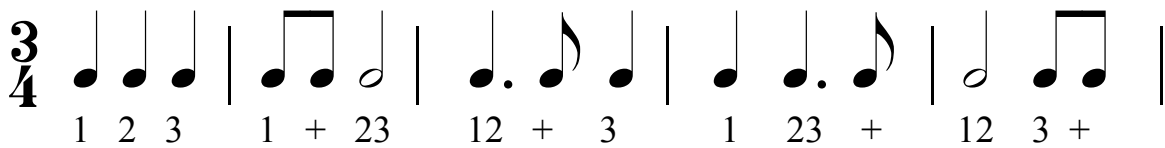
The three crotchet beats of one $\frac{3}{4}$ bar can be arranged as 1 note:



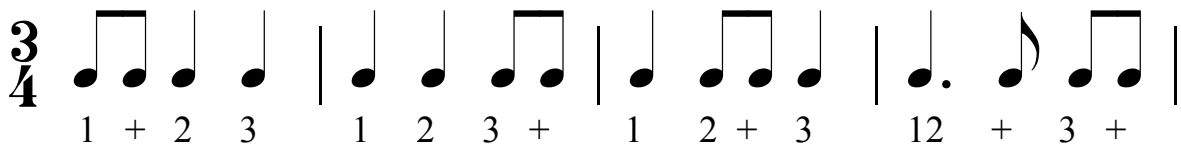
or as 2 notes:



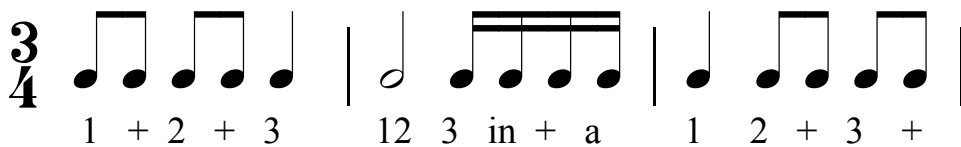
or as 3 notes:



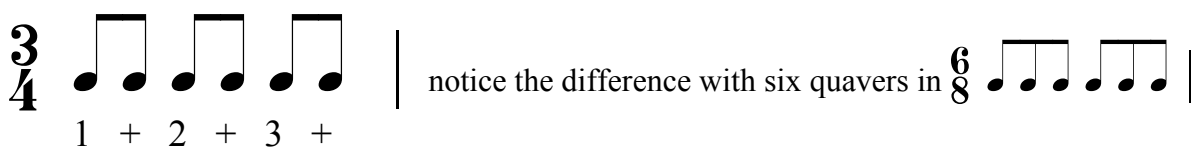
or as 4 notes:



or as 5 notes:



or as 6 notes:



THERE ARE MANY MORE POSSIBILITIES!