

RHYTHM # 8

12/8 COUNTRY

SHUFFLE



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This rhythm is a cross between a SPLIT CHORD rhythm (RIGHT hand) and an UM-PAH rhythm (LEFT hand)

The rhythm is played in what is called '12/8' time. This means there are 4 groups of 3 beats (12 fast beats per bar)

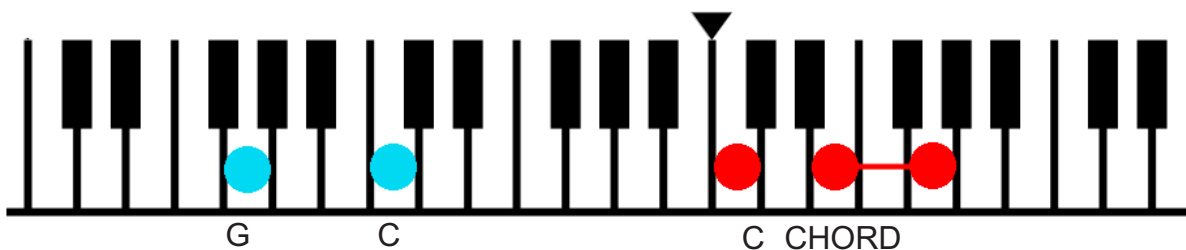
To get the shuffle rhythm you only play on the 1st and 3rd of each group of 3 notes. Tap out the following rhythm as you count out the 4 groups of 3 beats.

TAP	•		•		•		•		•		•	
COUNT	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3

Notice again how it 'SHUFFLES' along.

What you are going to do is play this SAME shuffle rhythm using a combination of two left hand notes and a right hand chord split between thumb and (3rd and 5th fingers)

Find the notes for the pattern in C



C C CHORD SPLIT C CHORD SPLIT C CHORD SPLIT C CHORD SPLIT

The musical notation shows the 12/8 Country Shuffle rhythm in C major. The right hand plays a C CHORD SPLIT (C, E, G) and the left hand plays a single note (C, G, C, G). The rhythm is marked with red numbers 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3.

TRANSPOSE the rhythm to the chords of F and G and you have the makings of a million country songs.