

Conductor Patterns

Every conductor uses their hands to show the orchestra the beat. Try tracing these four patterns in the air with your pointer finger — then lead your own imaginary orchestra!

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Two-Beat Pattern

used in marches

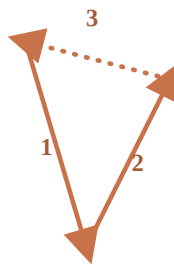


Down, then up. Straight down for beat 1, then a little bounce back up for beat 2.

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Three-Beat Pattern

used in waltzes

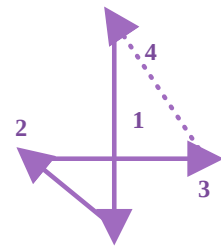


Down, out, up. A little triangle — down for beat 1, out to the side for 2, up home for 3.

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Four-Beat Pattern

the most common pattern



Down, in, out, up. Down for 1, in toward your body for 2, out and away for 3, up home for 4.

Try It Yourself

Put on a piece of music from today's episode and pick the pattern that matches. Stand up, trace the shape in the air, and see if you can keep the beat all the way to the end!