

Merengue

"The national rhythm of the Dominican Republic is Merengue" - Bobby Sanabria.

These adaptations of the Merengue for drum kit are based on a rhythm that would normally be played on the Tambora drum. They feature a sequence of quavers at the end called the Cinquillo which is used to define where the clave rhythm begins. The stepped hi-hat takes on the role of the Guiro. Thanks go to Bobby Sanabria for sharing these patterns on YouTube.

1

♩ = 140

Cinquillo

Splashed hi-hat

2

♩ = 140

3

♩ = 140

4

♩ = 140

5

♩ = 140