

# Strum Patterns: Folk/Bluegrass (pt. 1)

Play each pattern repeating until comfortable before moving to the next.

After playing the examples below in Em, try other chords like:

Am, G, D, C

**1a)** Em  
Root, Down, Root, Down

**1b)** Em  
Root, Down, 5th, Down

Rt D Rt D      Rt D Rt D      Rt D 5th D      Rt D 5th D

**2a)** Em  
Root, Down up, Root, Down up

**2b)** Em  
Root, Down up, 5th, Down up

Rt D u Rt D u      Rt D u Rt D u      Rt D u 5th D u      Rt D u 5th D u

## Hammer On's

The examples below are the same patterns, but with a hammer on (two 8th notes) on beat 3.

**3) Root, Down, Hammer on, Down**

Em      Am      C      D

Rt D H~o D      Rt D H~o D      Rt D H~o D      Rt D H~o D

**4) Root, Down up, Hammer on, Down up**

Em      Am      C      D

Rt D u H~o D u      Rt D u H~o D u      Rt D u H~o D u      Rt D u H~o D u

## Combinations

**Am** Root, Down, hammer on, down up

**C** Root, Down up, hammer on, down up

Am      Am      C      C

Rt D H~o D u      Rt D H~o D u      Rt D u H~o D u      Rt D u H~o D u