

D = Down strum  
 u = Up strum  
 B = Bass note

# Strum Patterns 1



## Strum Pattern 1a

First, play quarter note down strums.

Then, replace the 2nd and 4th strum with "D u" instead of "D"  
 (two 8th notes instead one quarter note).

### 1) Quarter Notes

### 2) Pattern 1a

## Variations

### 1b) Bass note on beat 1 (instead of strum)

### 1c) Bass note w/ no up strum

Below are examples of Variations 3a and 3b written in TAB for an Em chord.

This is being displayed to show how the strings should be strummed:

-On the **Down** strums, **play only strings below the bass string** (54321).

-On the **up** strums, **play only 2-3 of the high strings** (321).

Apply this to 5 and 4 string chords as well.

### **Em**