

Strumming patterns

Strumming pattern #1 - Hawaiian Stroke

(also known as a "Double up strum")

Fits into Four beats

Down

Down, Up

Down, Up, Down, Down

Up, Up

Strumming pattern #2 – Thumb roll

Fits into two Beats

Down (finger) , Follow through with thumb

Upstroke (finger), Down (finger)

Strumming pattern #3 – Split Stroke

(also known as "the sequence of seven")

George Formby – here we come!

Fits into 4 beats

Down (all four strings)

Down (all four strings)

Up (mainly hitting 1st string)

Down (mainly hitting 4th string)

Down (all four strings)

Up (mainly hitting 1st string)

Down (mainly hitting 4th string)

(where 1st string is lowest and 4th is highest)

Strumming pattern #4 – fan stroke

GF again -sorry.

Fits into 4 beats

Down (finger)

Fan fingers and flick the top strings

Follow through with thumb

Upstroke with thumbnail

Fan fingers and flick top strings

Follow through with thumb

Strumming pattern #5 – flamenco

fits into 3 beats

Downstroke – with nail of first finger

Fan fingers and sweep the strings

Follow through with thumb

Upstroke with finger

Downstroke with first finger