

# Alternating Bass Strumming

Alternating bass strumming is a rhythm technique also known as Boom Chick. It works like this: instead of strumming all four counts of a four-count measure, you're going to alternate between picking a single string and strumming the chord, like this:

Count:	1	2	3	4
	Pick	Strum	Pick	Strum
	ROOT	Chord	FIFTH	Chord

Here is a handy chart of roots and fifths to help you get started:

<b><u>Chord:</u></b>	<b><u>Root:</u></b>	<b><u>Fifth:</u></b>
D/Dm/all D	D D string open	A A string open
A/Am/all A	A A string open	E E string open
E/Em/all E	E E string open	B A string 2 <sup>nd</sup> fret
B7	B A string 2 <sup>nd</sup> fret	F# E string 2 <sup>nd</sup> fret
F/Fm	F D string 3 <sup>rd</sup> fret	C A string 3 <sup>rd</sup> fret
C/C7	C A string 3 <sup>rd</sup> fret	G E string 3 <sup>rd</sup> fret
G/G7	G E string 3 <sup>rd</sup> fret	D D string open



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