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2	Mosquito right				Mosquito left			
	Mosquito right				Mosquito left			
3	Murder right				Murder left			
	Murder right				Murder left			
4	Sun front left		Sun front right		Baby back			
	Sun front left		Sun front right		Windy back			

Löyly
Pour water onto the sauna with both of your hands while stepping sideways.

Hot
Wave some air towards your head while stepping sideways.

Mosquito
Both hands together fly up into the air like a mosquito, then clap in the air. Step sideways at the same time.

Murder
First touch your foot with your

hand behind your back. Then step to the side while pulling apart the prison bars.

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2	Sn		Sn		Sn		J	
	Hi	Hi	Hi	Hi J	Hi	Hi	Hi	Hi J
3	S	S	Ki	S	S	S	Ki	S
	S	S	Ki	S	S	S	Ki	S
4	Ti		Ti		Ti		Ti	
	Ti		Ti		Ti		Ti	
5	Wir				Wil			
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Snowboots + Hips

3 steps forward as if stumping through deep snow (half pace). Jump right on 4th step. Shake hips back and forth for 4 beats, jump left, shake hips for 4 beats, jump + turn 180° around. 3 snow steps backwards, jump, hips, jump, hips, jump. On last beat turn 180° around to face front again.

Step Kick

4 steps forward, kick forward on the 3rd step, then 4 steps backward, kick backward on the 7th step. Repeat.

Tiger (with claws)

Jump forward. Arms are stretched out front. hands form tiger claws and scratch.

Jump to the right with claws, turn and jump back with claws, jump to the left with claws (should have jumped once around you to all 4 sides with claws). Repeat once

Winding Plants

Start with elegantly crossing your arms in front of your right hip. Then wind your arms up like climbing plants, forming waves within 4 beats. When you reach the top, open hands to a bowl. While you are doing that, take 2 steps forward and 2 steps backward. Then repeat winding up on the left side. Once again right side and left side.

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	L				L		Go	
2	P				P			
	P				P			
3	G		T		G		T	
	G		T		G		T	
4	SWI			SWr			SWI	
		SWr			SWI			X

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Puke Hold your hand as if you'd catch a big ball in front of your face. [1] Jump with your right leg to the front. Twist your hands 360° to the front. (You end with your palms up, as if you'd carry a pile of paper). Move your body down. [2] Step back onto you left leg. Your hands to the same move as at beat 1 but reverse.

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2	APr		API		APr		API	
3	Wr			X	WI			X
4	Se	Se	Se	Se	Su	Su	Su	Su

Get the water
Do a long step with your right leg to the front. Move your body down. Take bucket of water. Straighten yourself again and **Take a Shower**. (together 4 beats)

Afro Pump
Move one foot up and down (pump). Move your hands beside your knees.

Wheels
Move both arms in circles to a side. (Hold your hands down first and move them to the side.) [4] Move your hands fitfully to you chest. (X)

Seeds
Cross with your right foot to the left. Step from one foot to the other (each beat two steps). Move your hands down and shake them (you're sowing seeds).

Sun
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Wolf Break
wolf's ears and teeth

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2	S	S	A	S	S	S	S	A	
3	S	S	A	S	S	S	S	A	
4	E	E	E	E	E	a	u	-	-

< a-u = like a howling wolf

Democracy Break
shout with your hands forming a funnel

1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
2	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
3	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
4	This	is	what	demo	cracy	looks	like				
5	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
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10	This	is	what	demo	cracy	looks	like				
11	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	

from soft to loud

Laughing Break
fingers move up
corners of your mouth

ha	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha		
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laughter
from high to low sound

Star Wars Break
Move flat hand from top to bottom of face

1	ms		ms		ms		ls	hs
2	ms	ls	hs	ms				

Progressive Break
5 fingers and other hand grabbing thumb
(can be inverted by showing the sign upside down)

1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
2	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
3	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

Progressive Karla
rabbit ears OR finger pistol, the other hand is grabbing the thumb

1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
2	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
3	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
4	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

Clave
Point your thumb and index finger up as if indicating a distance of about 10 cm between them

E		E		E		E		E	
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Clave inverted
Like "Clave", but with the two fingers pointing down

	E		E		E		E		E
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Yala Break
all fingertips of one hand gather and shake wrist

E	E		E	E		E		E	
---	---	--	---	---	--	---	--	---	--

Dance Break
Show a > with your index+middle finger and move it horizontally in front of your eyes.

E-	very	bo	-	dy	dance	now	
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Everybody sings
After the break, everyone continues to play walking around dancing randomly for a while.

Hard Core Break
Both hands in the air, with index and pinky fingers pointing up.

1	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	E	E
2	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
3	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
4	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
2-4	E	e	e	e	e	e	e	E	E
	E	e	e	e	e	e	e	E	E
	E	e	e	e	e	e	e	E	E
	E	e	e	e	e	e	e	E	E

I = Agogô plays low e = everyone play softly
2nd time: everyone except Surdos
4th time: Agogô plays high

3 x from soft to loud

Wolf Break
wolf's ears and teeth

1	S	S	A	S	S	S	S	A	S
2	S	S	A	S	S	S	S	A	
3	S	S	A	S	S	S	S	A	
4	E	E	E	E	E	a	u	-	-

< a-u = like a howling wolf

Democracy Break
shout with your hands forming a funnel

1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
2	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
3	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
4	This	is	what	demo	cracy	looks	like				
5	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
6	This	is	what	demo	cracy	looks	like				
7	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
8	This	is	what	demo	cracy	looks	like				
9	This	is	what	demo	cracy	looks	like				
10	This	is	what	demo	cracy	looks	like				
11	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	

from soft to loud

Laughing Break
fingers move up
corners of your mouth

ha	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha	ha		
----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	--	--

laughter
from high to low sound

Star Wars Break
Move flat hand from top to bottom of face

1	ms		ms		ms		ls	hs
2	ms	ls	hs	ms				

Progressive Break
5 fingers and other hand grabbing thumb
(can be inverted by showing the sign upside down)

1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
2	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
3	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

Progressive Karla
rabbit ears OR finger pistol, the other hand is grabbing the thumb

1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
2	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
3	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
4	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

Clave
Point your thumb and index finger up as if indicating a distance of about 10 cm between them

E		E		E		E		E	
---	--	---	--	---	--	---	--	---	--

Clave inverted
Like "Clave", but with the two fingers pointing down

	E		E		E		E		E
--	---	--	---	--	---	--	---	--	---

Yala Break
all fingertips of one hand gather and shake wrist

E	E		E	E		E		E	
---	---	--	---	---	--	---	--	---	--

Dance Break
Show a > with your index+middle finger and move it horizontally in front of your eyes.

E-	very	bo	-	dy	dance	now	
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2-4	E	e	e	e	e	e	e	E	E
	E	e	e	e	e	e	e	E	E
	E	e	e	e	e	e	e	E	E
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Tamborim Stroke

Make a circle with your index finger and thumb, like "OK"

Play another instrument

Hold both hands in front of your face, and wave your arms to cross each other

Switch Call/Response

Point with both index fingers forward and wave your arms to cross each other.

In a loop

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Storming Break

show the arm as a measure with the other hand on elbow don't make a fist

Alerting / Magic Wand Break

show your flat hand and hit it with stick

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Everyone plays something chaotic, getting louder and louder. No Counting in!

Repeat the last break (combination)

Show all others what they should do in the meantime, so the length of the impro part is defined

Notation

Call-Response	E	Everybody
	A	All others
	S	Surdos
	ls	Low Surdo
	ms	Mid Surdo
	hs	High Surdo
	R	Repinique
	sn	Snare
	T	Tamborim
Strokes	x	hit the skin with a stick
	.	hit the skin softly with a stick
	hd	hit the skin with your hand
	sil	silent stroke: hit the skin with a stick, while the other hand rests on the skin
	O	put your hand on the skin to dampen the sound
	fl	flare: multiple hit with rebounding stick
	ri	hit the rim with a stick
	w	hit the skin with a whippy stick (Tamborim stick), if not available hit the rim
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Dance 2

Push to sides > Star > Jump & Aeroplane > Queen

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Sr		Sr		Sl		Sl	
	Pr		Pr		Pl		Pl	
2	St				St			
	St				St			
3	J & Ar				J & Al			
	J & Ar				J & Al			
4	Qr				Ql			
	Qr				Ql			

Step

Step to a side. (Every second beat a step)

Push

Step to a side, every second beat a step. Move both hands to the side, as if you'd give sth. a push.

Star

[1] Move your right leg to the front, across you left leg. Move your right arm to the upper right. [2] Move your left leg on the right side of your other leg (cross in the front). Move your left arm to the upper left. [3] Move your right leg behind your left leg. (initial point, you don't have to cross) Move both arms

to the lower right. [4] Move your left leg to the left side of your other. (initial point). Move both arms to the lower left. Comment: Your feet draw a square.

Jump

Jump with both feet.

Aeroplane

See Dance 1

Queen

Hold your arms streched out to both sides. [1] Touch with one streched out leg the ground in front of you. (Don't step) [2] Now step with that leg and walk side- wards. (3 steps, cross behind the leg.)

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	Pr		Pr		Pl		Pl	
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	St				St			
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	J & Ar				J & Al			
4	Qr				Ql			
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Dance 1

Mirror & Rainbow > Pizza > Tutu & Aeroplane > Boundary

[illegible]

Mirror

Hold your arms stretched out to your left, your hands at right angles to your arms, the right hand on your left. Move the right hand to the front of your face. Look on it. it's a mirror!

Rainbow

Turn 90° to the right. Draw a rainbow with your hands from the bottom over your head to the other side (starting point of mirror). You have to turn your body :-)

Pizza

Hold your arms at your waist, palms up. Step to a side and move one hand, as if you'd deliver a pizza.

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Hold your arms at your waist, palms down. Step to a side and move both hands, describing a tutu (skirt). (Similar to pizza)

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Hold your arms like wings of an aeroplane. Twist your body to a side. Each beat a step.

Define a boundary

Step to a side, each beat two steps. Hold the corresponding arm stretched out to the front. (Define the boundary.) Hide the other arm behind your back.

Afoxé

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tune sign: shaving the armpit

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Surdo	sil	sil	sil	sil	sil	sil	x	x
Mid+High Surdo	0		x	x	0		x	x
Repinique	fl	hd sil	ri	hd sil	fl	hd sil	ri	sil
Share	x . .	x . .	x . .	x . .	x . .	x . .	x . .	x . .
Tamborim	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x
Agogô	h	l	l	l	h	l	h	l

Break 1

S		A	A	A	S		A	A	A	S		A	A	A	E	E	E	E
---	--	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Break 2

S					S					S					S	S	S	S
---	--	--	--	--	---	--	--	--	--	---	--	--	--	--	---	---	---	---

S = Mid and high surdos, everybody else continues playing!

Break 3

		S	S	S			S	S	S			S	S	S	S	S	S	S
--	--	---	---	---	--	--	---	---	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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No Bra Break

1	R	R	R		A	A	A	A		R	R	R		A	A	A	A	A
2	R	R	R		A	A	A	A		E	E	E		E	E	E	E	E

R = call by Repinique

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	Mr		Mr		Rl			
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	Pr		Pr		Pl		Pl	
3	Tr		Tr		Al			
	Tr		Tr		Al			
4	DBr	DBr	DBr	DBr	DBr	DBI	DBI	DBI
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Groove

tune sign: shaving the amput

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Low Surdo	sil	sil	sil	sil	sil	sil	x	x
Mid+High Surdo	0		x		x		x	x
Repinique	fl	hd sil	ri	hd sil	fl	hd sil	ri	sil
Share	x . .	x . .	x . .	x . .	x . .	x . .	x . .	x . .
Tamborim	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x	x x
Agogô	h	l	l	l	h	l	h	l

Break 1

S		A	A	A	S		A	A	A	E	E	E	E
---	--	---	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Break 2

				S						S			
--	--	--	--	---	--	--	--	--	--	---	--	--	--

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--	--	---	---	---	--	--	---	---	---	--	--	---	---

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No Bra Break

1	R	R	R		A	A	A	A		R	R	R	A	A	A	A
2		R	R	R	A	A	A	A		E	E	E	E	E	E	E

R = call by Repinique

Bhaṅgrā

this tune is a 6/8

tune sign: folded hands, like praying

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Groove

[illegible]

s = soft flare

Break 1

[illegible]

do	as	say,	you	fool,	dam	/	say
do	as	say,	you	fool,	dam	/	say

Groove

[illegible]

s = soft flare

Break 1

[illegible][illegible]

Angela Davis

tune sign: pull two prison bars apart in front of your face

Groove

	1	2	3	4
Low Surdo	x	x	w	w
Mid Surdo	x	x	x	x
High Surdo				x
Repinique	fl	fl	fl	x
Snare	.	.	.	.
Tamborim	x	x	x	x
Agogô		l	h	h

w = whippy stick (or rim)

Break 1

1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Break 2

1	S	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	S
2	S	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	S
3	S	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	E
4	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

snare continues playing through the break!

Break 3

1	E			E	E	E			
2	E	E		E	E	E			
3	E			E	E	E			
4	E	E		E	E	E			E
5	E	E		E	E	E			E

repeat until cut

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High Surdo				x
Repinique	fl	fl	fl	x
Snare
Tamborim	x	x	x	x
Agogô		l	h	h

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1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
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Break 2

1	S	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	S
2	S	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	S
3	S	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	E
4	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

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Break 3

1	E			E	E	E			
2	E	E		E	E	E			
3	E			E	E	E			
4	E	E		E	E	E			E
5	E	E		E	E	E			E

repeat until cut

Xangô

tune sign : rain trickling down, with 10 fingers

Groove

	1	2	3	4
Low Surdo	sil		x	x
Mid Surdo	x	x		
High Surdo				x
Repinique		x	x	x
Snare	x	.	.	.
Tamborim	1	x	x	x
2	x	x		
Agogô	l	h	l	h

Intro

building a tower with fists
on top of each other,
upwards

Everyone hits the rims

ri	ri	ri	ri	ri	ri	ri	ri	ri	ri
----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

repeat until cut

Surdo Part of Intro

flat hand on head

1	S						S	S	S
2	S						S	S	S
3	S					S	S	S	S
4	S						(S)	(S)	(S)

not before before Boum Shakala Break repeat

Boum Shakala Break

Crossed fingers

1	S	A	A	A	S	A	A	A	S	A
2	S	A	A	A	S	A	A	A	S	A
3	S	A	A	A	S	A	A	A	S	A
4	sn	.	.	sn	.	sn	sn	sn	hs	hs

Break 2

1	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S
2	S	S	S		S	S	A	A	A	S
3	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S
4	S	S	S		S	S	A	A	A	S
5	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S
6	S	S	S		S	S	A	A	A	hs

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High Surdo				x
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Snare	x	.	.	.
Tamborim	1	x	x	x
2	x	x		
Agogô	l	h	l	h

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3	S	A	A	A	S	A	A	A	S	A
4	sn	.	.	sn	.	sn	sn	sn	hs	hs

Break 2

1	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S
2	S	S	S		S	S	A	A	A	S
3	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S
4	S	S	S		S	S	A	A	A	S
5	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S
6	S	S	S		S	S	A	A	A	hs

Voodoo

tune sign : aureole – make a circle around head with your index finger down

Groove

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Surdo		x	x	0		x	x	0
Mid+High Surdo	1	sil	sil	x	sil	x	sil	x
Snare		x	.	x	.	x	.	x
Repinique		x		x		x		x
Tamborim		x	x	x	x	x		
Agogô		h	h	l	l	h	l	l

Scissor Break

Signed like scissors

E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
1	2	3	4	in my	un-	derpant	

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Snare		x	.	x	.	x	.	x
Repinique		x		x		x		x
Tamborim		x	x	x	x	x		
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Cochabamba

tune sign: drink from a cup formed with one hand

Groove

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low+Mid surdo		0		x	x	0		x
High surdo		0	x	x	0	x	x	0
Repinique		x	x		x	x	x	x
Snare/Shakers	
Tamborim		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Agogô		h	h	l	l	h	h	l

. = clicking bells together

Make sure the off beat (2 and 4) is always very clear. The snares have to exaggerate this off beat

Make sure the high and low surdos fit together well; playing the offbeat with the left hand makes this easier.

Break 1
(Iron Lion Zlon Break)

x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Everyone together ... start soft and go louder!
<

No Bra Break
pulling off a bra

C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	A
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	A
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	A

c = call by maestro (on repinique or snare)
A = All others answer

Cross Kicks for surdos

sign 'X' with the arms, waving towards the sky

		0					0	x	x
x	x		0					0	

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High surdo		0	x	x	0	x	x	0
Repinique		x	x		x	x	x	x
Snare/Shakers	
Tamborim		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
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Make sure the high and low surdos fit together well; playing the offbeat with the left hand makes this easier.

Break 1
(Iron Lion Zlon Break)

x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Everyone together ... start soft and go louder!
<

No Bra Break
pulling off a bra

C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	A
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	A
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	A

c = call by maestro (on repinique or snare)
A = All others answer

Tequila

tune sign: Shake salt onto your hand

Groove

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Surdo	x	0	(0) (0)	x	0	x	0	(x)
Mid Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
High Surdo								
Repinique				hd	x			
Share	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Tamborim	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Agogô	h	h	l	h	l	h	l	h

Low Surdo starts with an upbeat before the 1
(0) = Can be played optionally to make the rhythm easier to understand

Break 1

Shake salt on number 1

1	l	l	l	l	l	l	h		Tequilal	(ls)
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	----------	------

Break 2

Surdos start with 3 upbeats before the 1																				
	hs	ms
	hs	ms
	hs	ms
	hs	ms
	hs	ms
	hs	ms
	hs	ms
	hs	ms
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	hs	ms
	hs	ms
	hs</								

Break 1

Shake salt on number 1

1	l	l	l	l	l	l	h		Tequilal	(ls)
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	----------	------

Break 2

Surdos start with 3 upbeats before the 1																				
hs
	hs
		hs
			hs
				hs
					hs
						hs
							hs
								hs
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										hs
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												hs
													hs
														hs
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																hs
																	hs	.	.	.
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																			hs	.
																				hs

Surdos start with 3 upbeats before the 1

. = Shaker

No Bra Break

pulling off a bra

1-3	R	R	A		R	R	A	A
-----	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---

Repeat 3 times

No Bra Break

pulling off a bra

1-3	R	R	A		R	R	A	A
-----	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---

Repeat 3 times

R = call by Repinique

Drum&Bass

tune sign: with one hand in your ear lift the other and move it front and back

Groove

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Surdo	x							
Mid Surdo		x	x	x				
High Surdo								
Repinique								
Share	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Tamborim	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Agogô	l	h	l	h	l	h	l	h

Dance Break

Show a > with your index+middle finger and move it horizontally in front of your eyes.

Everybody sings and starts dancing

Break 2

1	S	A	S	S	A	S	A	S	S	A
2	S	A	S	S	A	S	A	S	S	A

x = hits on snare and repi

Break 3

1	E				E		E		E	
2	E				E		E		E	
3	E				E		E		E	

R = hit on repi

Ri = repl hit on rim

Break 3

1	E				E		E		E	
2	E				E		E		E	
3	E				E		E		E	

R = hit on repi

Ri = repl hit on rim

sn = snare

Hip-Hop Break

hit your chest

1	S	S	A	A		S	S	A		S	S	A	A	S	S	A	A	S	S	A
2	S	S	A	A		S	S	A		S	S	A	A	S	S	A	A	S	S	A
3	S	S	A	A		S	S	A		S	S	A	A	S	S	A	A	S	S	A
4	S	S	A	A		S	S	A		S	S	A	A	S	S	A	A	S	S	A

Tequila

tune sign: Shake salt onto your hand

Groove

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Surdo	x	0	(0) (0)	x	0	x	0	(x)
Mid Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
High Surdo								
Repinique				hd	x			
Share	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Tamborim	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Agogô	h	h	l	h	l	h	l	h

Low Surdo starts with an upbeat before the 1
(0) = Can be played optionally to make the rhythm easier to understand

Break 1

Shake salt on number 1

1	l	l	l	l	l	l	h		Tequilal	(ls)
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	--	----------	------

Break 2

Surdos start with 3 upbeats before the 1																				
hs
	hs
		hs
			hs
				hs
					hs
						hs
							hs
								hs
									hs
										hs
											hs
												hs
													hs
														hs
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																				hs

Surdos start with 3 upbeats before the 1

. = Shaker

No Bra Break

pulling off a bra

1-3	R	R	A		R	R	A	A
-----	---	---	---	--	---	---	---	---

Repeat 3 times

R = call by Repinique

Drum&Bass

tune sign: with one hand in your ear lift the other and move it front and back

Groove

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Surdo	x							
Mid Surdo		x	x	x				
High Surdo								
Repinique								
Share	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Tamborim	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Agogô	l	h	l	h	l	h	l	h

Dance Break

Show a > with your index+middle finger and move it horizontally in front of your eyes.

Everybody sings and starts dancing

Break 2

1	S	A	S	S	A	S	A	S	S	A
2	S	A	S	S	A	S	A	S	S	A

x = hits on snare and repi

Break 3

1	E				E		E		E	
2	E				E		E		E	
3	E				E		E		E	

R = hit on repi

Ri = repl hit on rim

sn = snare

Hip-Hop Break

hit your chest

1	S	S	A	A		S	S	A		S	S	A	A	S	S	A	A	S	S	A
2	S	S	A	A		S	S	A		S	S	A	A	S	S	A	A	S	S	A
3	S	S	A	A		S	S	A		S	S	A	A	S	S	A	A	S	S	A
4	S	S	A	A		S	S	A		S	S	A	A	S	S	A	A	S	S	A

Drunken Sailor

tune sign: build an eyepatch with one hand in front of your eye

Groove		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Repinique	Low Surdo	fl	x	ri	x	x	ri	x	ri
	Mid Surdo	x	.	x	x	.	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	x	.	.	.	.	.	.
Tamborim	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
	High Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h

Break 1	1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Break 2	1	S	A	S	A	S	A	E	E

White Shark simulating a shark fin	1	S	A	S	A	S	A	S	A
	2	S	A	S	A	S	A	S	A
	3	S	A	S	A	S	A	S	A
	4	S	A	S	A	S	A	S	A

The Sirens of Titan

tune sign: folded hands, like praying
this tune is a 6/8

Groove		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Low Surdo	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
	Mid Surdo	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
	High Surdo	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
2	Low Surdo	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
	Mid Surdo	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
	High Surdo	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
Repinique	Low Surdo	fl	x	ri	x	x	ri	x	ri
	Mid Surdo	x	.	x	x	.	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	.	x	x	.	x	x	x
Tamborim	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
	High Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
Shaker	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
	High Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h

Rented a Tent Break		(showing both sides of a tent from up to down)							
1	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Repinique	Low Surdo	fl	x	ri	x	x	ri	x	ri
	Mid Surdo	x	.	x	x	.	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	.	x	x	.	x	x	x
Tamborim	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
	High Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
Shaker	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
	High Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h

Drunken Sailor

tune sign: build an eyepatch with one hand in front of your eye

Groove		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Repinique	Low Surdo	fl	x	ri	x	x	ri	x	ri
	Mid Surdo	x	.	x	x	.	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	.	x	x	.	x	x	x
Tamborim	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
	High Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h

Break 1	1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Break 2	1	S	A	S	A	S	A	E	E

White Shark simulating a shark fin	1	S	A	S	A	S	A	S	A
	2	S	A	S	A	S	A	S	A
	3	S	A	S	A	S	A	S	A
	4	S	A	S	A	S	A	S	A

The Sirens of Titan

tune sign: folded hands, like praying
this tune is a 6/8

Groove		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Low Surdo	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
	Mid Surdo	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
	High Surdo	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
2	Low Surdo	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
	Mid Surdo	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
	High Surdo	l	l	l	l	l	l	l	l
Repinique	Low Surdo	fl	x	ri	x	x	ri	x	ri
	Mid Surdo	x	.	x	x	.	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	.	x	x	.	x	x	x
Tamborim	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
	High Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
Shaker	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
	High Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h

Rented a Tent Break		(showing both sides of a tent from up to down)							
1	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Repinique	Low Surdo	fl	x	ri	x	x	ri	x	ri
	Mid Surdo	x	.	x	x	.	x	x	x
	High Surdo	x	.	x	x	.	x	x	x
Tamborim	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
	High Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
Shaker	Low Surdo	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Mid Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h
	High Surdo	l	l	h	l	l	h	l	h

Sheffield Samba Reggae

tune sign: smoke a joint like
a cup of tea (with thumb and
index finger)

Groove

1234

Low Surdo

Mid Surdo

High Surdo

1

2

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

Repinique

x

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x

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x

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x

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Snare

x

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x

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x

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x

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Tamborim

1-3

4

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

Agogô

h

h

l

h

h

h

h

l

h

go

No Bra Break

1

2

3-5

6

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

A

RR

R

R

R

RR

R

R

R

R

R

R

A

A

A

A

A

RR

R

R

E

A

A

A

Surdos only, loop until told otherwise. Everyone else carries on with the main groove.

S

Break 1

S

Break 2

1

2

3

4

R

S

R

S

R

S

R

S

R

S

R

S

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

R

A

R

A

R

A

R

A

R

A

R

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

Snare plays the same as Repi

Break 3

1

2

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

Whistle Break

Point to whistle

S

A

S

S

A

S

S

S

A

S

S

A

Outro

Fist like "Stop playing", with thumb sticking out

1

E

E

E

E

E

E

RR

R

R

R

E

E

then stop playing

tune sign: glasses on your eyes

Funk

Groove

12345678

All Surdos

Repinique

Snare

Tamborim

Agogô

1

2

X

X

hd

fl

Break 1

1

2

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

Break 2

1

E

E

E

E

E

E

E

E

E

E

E

E

Call Break

1

E

... "oi": two arms crossing, with OK-sign

... "ua": two fists, knuckles hit each other

shout ...

Sheffield Samba Reggae

tune sign: smoke a joint like
a cup of tea (with thumb and
index finger)

Groove

1234

Low Surdo

Mid Surdo

High Surdo

1

2

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

Repinique

x

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x

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x

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x

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Snare

x

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x

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x

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x

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Tamborim

1-3

4

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

x

Agogô

h

h

l

h

h

h

h

l

h

go

No Bra Break

1

2

3-5

6

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

R

A

RR

R

R

R

RR

R

R

R

R

R

R

A

A

A

A

A

RR

R

R

E

A

A

A

Surdos only, loop until told otherwise. Everyone else carries on with the main groove.

S

Break 1

S

Break 2

1

2

3

4

R

S

R

S

R

S

R

S

R

S

R

S

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

R

A

R

A

R

A

R

A

R

A

R

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

ri

A

Snare plays the same as Repi

Break 3

1

2

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

Whistle Break

Point to whistle

S

A

S

S

A

S

S

S

A

S

S

A

Outro

Fist like "Stop playing", with thumb sticking out

1

E

E

E

E

E

E

RR

R

R

R

E

E

then stop playing

tune sign: glasses on your eyes

Funk

Groove

12345678

All Surdos

Repinique

Snare

Tamborim

Agogô

1

2

X

X

hd

fl

Break 1

1

2

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

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S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

S

Break 2

1

E

E

E

E

E

E

E

E

E

E

E

E

Call Break

1

E

... "oi": two arms crossing, with OK-sign

... "ua": two fists, knuckles hit each other

shout ...

Karla Shnikov

tune sign: move index+middle finger like rabbit ears and cover other fingers with other hand OR point with finger pistol to head

Groove

Groove		1		2		3		4	
All Surdos	1-3	x			0	x	x		0
	4	x			0	x	x	x	x
Repinique		x		x	x		x	x	x
Snare		.	.	.	x	.	.	.	x
Tamborim	1				x				x
	2				x		x	x	x
Agogô	1	l		l	h	l	l	l	h

>from soft to loud

Karla Break

rabbit ears OR finger
pistol shooting up

1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
2	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
3	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
4	E															

Break 2

1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
2	E				E			E				E			
3	S		S		A			S		S		A	A	A	A
4	S		S		A			S		S		A	A	A	A

Break 2 inverted

sign with two fingers
pointing down
instead of up

[illegible]

Küsel Break
hands twist head

S	S	S	S	S	A	A	A	A
sn	sn sn	sn sn	.	sn	sn	sn	sn	sn

all players turn around 360° while playing the break

Skipping Agogô

[illegible]

I like to move it
curling hands
up and down

[illegible]

Surdos (High, Middle, Low), Snare

Eye of the
tiger

[illegible]

Karla Shnikov

tune sign: move index+middle finger like rabbit ears and cover other fingers with other hand OR point with finger pistol to head

Groove

Groove		1		2		3		4	
All Surdos	1-3	x			0	x	x		0
	4	x			0	x	x	x	x
Repinique		x		x	x		x	x	x
Snare		.	.	.	x	.	.	.	x
Tamborim	1			x				x	
	2			x		x	x	x	x
Agogô	1	l		l	h	l	l		l

>from soft to loud

Karla Break

rabbit ears OR finger
pistol shooting up

1	E	E	E	E
2	E	E	E	E
3	E	E	E	E
4	E			

Break 2

1	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
2	E				E			E				E		
3	S		S		A			S		S		A	A	A
4	S		S		A			S		S		A	A	A

Break 2 inverted

sign with two fingers
pointing down
instead of up

[illegible]

Küsel Break
hands twist head

all players turn around 360° while playing the break

Skipping Agogô

I like to move it
curling hands
up and down

Surdos (High, Middle, Low), Snare

Eye of the tiger

Rope Skipping

sign with both hands a rotating rope and jump up and down

Rope Skipping

sign with both hands a rotating rope and jump up and down

Groove	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Surdo	x	x	x	x				x
Mid Surdo				x				x
High Surdo								
Repinique								
Shnare								
Tamborim								
Agogô								
Oh Shit	E							
Fuck Off	E							
Break 1	S		A		S	A		A
Break 2	S	A	S	A	S	A	A	S
Break 3	S	A	S	A	S	A	A	S

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Groove								
Low Surdo	x	x	x	x				x
Mid Surdo	x	x	x	x				x
High Surdo								
Repinque								
Snare								
Tamborim								
Agogo								
Oh Shit								
Fuck Off								
Break 1								
Break 2								
Break 3								

No Border Bossa

Sign: interlock your hands like a fence and then open it

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Groove								
All Surdos	sil	h	x	h	sil	h	x	sil
<i>Hand resting on skin</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2	sil	h	x	h	sil	h	x	sil
<i>Hand resting on skin</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Repinique	x	ri	fl	hd	fl	ri	fl	hd
Share	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Tamborim	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Agogó	h	h	l	x	h	x	l	h

Surdos: only 1 Stick in one hand; h = other hand hits skin

	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
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Surdos only, Rest continues

sil			sil	sil	sil	sil	sil	sil
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repeat until cut with Break 2'

Surdos only, Rest continues

sil		sil	sil		sil	sil	sil	sil
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from soft to loud

R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A
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No Bra Break

No Border Bossa

Sign: interlock your hands like a fence and then open it

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
All Surdos <i>Hand resting on skin</i>	1 sil	h	x	h	sil	h	x	h

	2 sil	h	x	h	sil	h	x	h

Repinique <i>Hand resting on skin</i>		x	ri	fi hd	fi	ri	fi hd	fi
Share	x	.	x	.	x	.	x	.

Tamborim		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Agogô	h	h	i	i	h	h	i	x

Surdos: only 1 Stick in one hand; h = other hand hits skin

E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
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Surdos only, Rest continues

sil		sil	sil	sil	sil	sil	sil	sil
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repeat until out with Break 2*

Surdos only, Rest continues

sil		sil	sil	sil	sil	sil	sil	sil
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from soft to loud

R	R	R	R	R	R	R	A	A
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E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
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Break 1

Break 2

Break 2*

No Bra Break

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Make monkey noises