

## Flam Paradiddle

In my Rudiment Video I just talk very briefly about the Flam Paradiddle and say that you have "four consecutive taps to play". So what does this actually mean?

When we learn new Rudiments it is often a good idea to look at each hand individually to understand what is really going on. Here is a Paradiddle and below it are notations of 'only the right' and 'only the left hand'. So you can understand it's rhythm easily.

The image shows musical notation for a standard Paradiddle. The top staff contains a full Paradiddle: R R L R R L R L L. Below it are two separate staves: the left one shows 'only the right hand' (R R R R) and the right one shows 'only the left hand' (L L L L). Each note has an accent (>) above it.

We can do the same thing with the Flam Paradiddle. And since the flam is nothing more than a normal tap, we see that this Rudiment is not just a combination of singles and doubles but has four consecutive 16th notes.

This is pretty rare, most Rudiments only have 2 or 3 consecutive 16th notes per hand.

The image shows musical notation for a Flam Paradiddle. The top staff contains a full Flam Paradiddle: L R L R R R L L. Below it are two separate staves: the left one shows 'only the right hand' (R R R R R) and the right one shows 'only the left hand' (L L L L L). Each note has an accent (>) above it.