

Time signatures and rhythm notation

Simple

Simple duple: 2/4 2/2

Simple Triple: 3/8 3/4 3/2

Simple Quadruple: 4/4

Compound

Compound Duple: 6/8 6/4 3+3

Compound triple: 9/8 3+3+3

Compound quadruple: 12/8 3 +3+ 3+ 3

Irregular time signature

5/4 3+ 2 or 2 + 3

7/4 3+ 4 (crotchets)

7/8 3+ 4 (quavers)

The numerator (top num) tells the quantity

The denominator (lower num) tells the quality

When you have a denominator 2 means Minims

4 means Crotchets

8 means Quavers