

12 Step Quick Drum Chart Method

1. At the show, go into a room with the artist to listen to the songs one by one.
2. Bring a percussion instrument in with you such as a Djembe, bongo's, shaker or just a pair of sticks, a piece of paper and pencil.
3. Write the names of each song on the paper and write them down in the order they will be played in.
4. Have the artist play all the songs in that order. It is easier to remember songs in specific order.
5. Now have the artist play the first song
6. Play your percussion instrument along with artist. (I use a Djembe)
7. Listen to how you played the song with the artist
8. Make a quick note on the paper next to the name of the song of:
 1. Who **Starts** the song?
 2. What is the **Tempo**?
 3. What is the **Feel? (Straight or Shuffle, 3/4, 6/8 or 12/8)**
 4. What is the **Time Signature**?
9. Take notice of the pattern you played on the percussion instrument.
10. Notate that pattern and write it in the template.

Make it a one bar pattern and make it as simple as possible so you can read and play it fast when that song is called.
11. Write the patterns next to the type of feel that you wrote down.
12. Do this with each song, right down the page, in order.

By this time, you have 15 minutes before the gig starts and the songs are fresh in your mind.

Don't wait, get the band on stage, don't talk to anyone, and focus on the list.