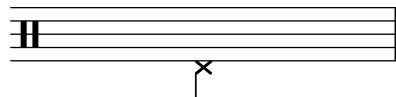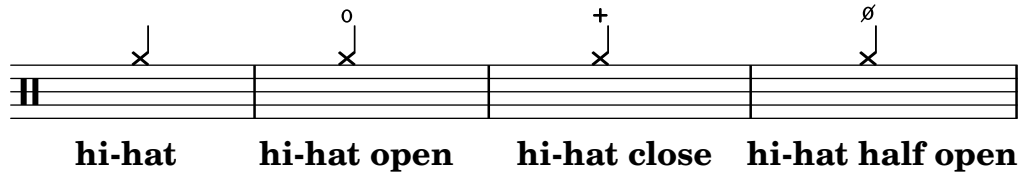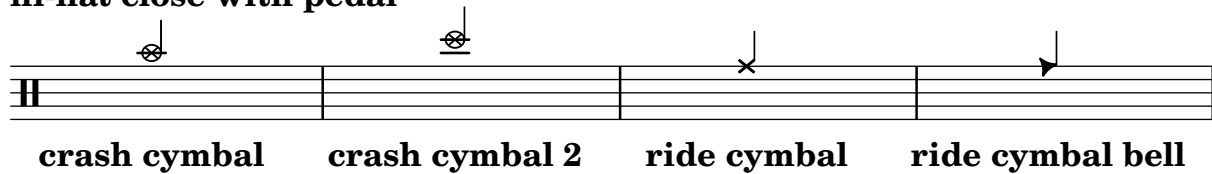# stoozdrums.com Notation Key for 3 Toms

All examples below show quarter notes.   In the transcriptions, the noteheads, stems and flags reflect the duration of each note.
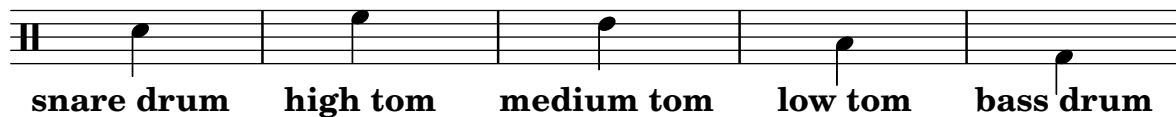
Cymbals are always written with x noteheads:

hi-hat   hi-hat open   hi-hat close   hi-hat half open

hi-hat close with pedal

crash cymbal   crash cymbal 2   ride cymbal   ride cymbal bell

Standard drum strokes are always written with traditional noteheads:

snare drum   high tom   medium tom   low tom   bass drum

Dynamics.   Although dynamics apply to all drums, the following examples show quarter notes on the snare drum.   If the notehead type is written in the staff position of any other drum, the dynamic applies to that drum voice.

ghost note on snare   rim shot on snare   cross stick on snare

Additional percussion instruments use triangle-shaped noteheads.   A cowbell uses this type of notehead to distinguish it from drum and cymbal notation.   The stem may be down or up to prevent collision with other voices.

cowbell - stem down   cowbell - stem up