

Salsa Instrument Patterns

All the patterns play across 2 bars of music. Which bar comes first depends on the Clave direction.

These are the patterns for 2-3 Clave. If 3-2 Clave, the patterns are the same but start from beat 5.

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| 2-3 Clave | 1 | & | 2 | & | 3 | & | 4 | & | 5 | & | 6 | & | 7 | & | 8 | & | 1 | etc |
| Cascara | I | | like | | drum - mers | | to | | hit | | Cas - ca - | | ra | | and | | | ... |