

Bolonba

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The *Bolonba* (*Bolomba*) is not a traditional rhythm from Guinea. It is based on a rhythm played on the instrument (*M'*)*Bolon*. It is an instrument made of a calabash, with a stick mounted on it and holding 3 (or 4) strings. It is usually used as a bass accompany in melodic pieces. The "National Ensemble Instrumental" of Guinea uses it in many pieces. Arafan Touré, has transferred a piece to the rhythm on drums with different variations in time.

Call	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
	f	r	l	l	l	r	r

Combi 1 kenkeni				●	●		
sangban		●	●				
doundoun	●				●	●	●

Combi 2 sangban				●			●
doundoun		●	●		●	●	
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

(play the additional hit every other time)

Djembé 1	T	T	B	B	B	T	T	S	S	S	B
	r	l	r	r	r	r	l	l	r	l	l

Djembé 2	S		S	S	T	T	S		S	S	T	T
	r		l	r	r	l	r		l	r	r	l

Djembé 3	S	T	T	S	B	S		S	S	B
	r	r	l	r	r	r		l	r	r

Sources Lessons from Arafan Touré