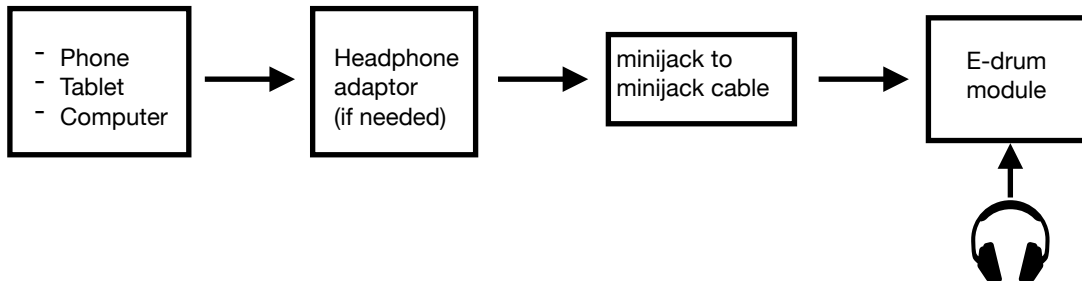


Listening to Music While You Practice

It is essential to be able to listen to music while you practice, whether this be backing tracks or just a favourite song. I am going to describe the setup for listening to music while using an electric drum kit with headphones. I'll adapt as needed for other common setups.

The setup will look like this...



STEP 1

- Decide which device will be used to play music - phone, tablet or computer? Whichever device you choose, the in-built speaker will be inadequate in terms of volume so you will need to connect the device physically to the drum kit module so that you can hear the music and drum sounds out of the one pair of headphones. Almost e-kits have the capacity for this.

STEP 2

- Confirm that your e-kit module has an "Aux In". This can also be called a "Line In" or something similar. It will be a vacant socket on the back of the module the size of a headphone plug.

STEP 3

- We are going to use the "Headphone Out" plug on your device and run a cable from here to the drum kit. You might be lucky and have a designated headphone socket, however, most phones and tablets no longer have this. In this case you need a small adaptor that plugs into the charging port. The most common types of charging ports are USB-C or Apple Lightning, and depending on which you have will decide which adaptor you need.

STEP 4

- From here its simple. You will need a cable to run from the adaptor to the e-drum module. Then check your particular drum kits manual for any tricks or help in terms of using the "Aux In" feature

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#1

Either

- USB C to 3.5mm adapter (can also be called Type C to Headphone Jack Adaptor or other similar terms)
- OR
- Lightning to 3.5mm Headphone Jack Adapter (specifically for older Apple products)

#2

3.5mm "Jack to Jack" cable. Also called a "Minjack to Minijack" cable or "Male to Male" cable. It has the same plug at both ends.

***Note that "3.5mm" refers to the size of the plug so you also need to decide the length of the cable. I'd suggest 1 or 2 meters.

Other Common Setups

Electric Drums and a Speaker - this will be exactly the same as described above. The combined sound of drums and music will simply come out of the speaker.

Acoustic Drums - You will most likely be using headphones to listen to the music. In which case, simply use whatever is most convenient for music player and headphones (bluetooth will be fine in this instance)