

Beginning Guitar Lessons

Teacher _____ Phone # _____

Lesson Date/ Time _____

The following is recommended to begin you guitar lessons:

Strings:

Make sure you have new strings for your guitar so you can learn how to change the strings properly. Also be sure to get a **string winder** with a bridge pin remover. Here are some string suggestions for different types of guitars.

Electric,

Gauge: 9, 10 or 11 (depending on your playing style, I recommend 10's)

Brands: D'addario, GHS, Fender, Dean Markley or Ernie Ball

Acoustic,

Gauge: 11 or 12 (I recommend 11's for beginners)

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Classical,

D'addario Pro Arte' (high or medium tension)

Picks:

I suggest you get as wide of a variety of picks as you can find to see what you like. Different materials and different thickness will give you different sounds so experiment. Be sure to try thumb picks as well.

Tuner:

I recommend getting a **chromatic** tuner not a guitar tuner. A chromatic tuner will give you more options and in the future you might find that useful. The best chromatic tuner I have found for a beginner is the **Korg CA-20** or **CA-30**. The GA-30 (GA-20) is a guitar tuner and it will work but is not nearly as useful as a chromatic tuner and is about the same price.

Capo:

A Capo is a small clamp-like device to move the open strings to a different position; it is very common in modern popular music. A capo for an electric or an acoustic guitar won't fit a classical guitar so make sure you get the right one for the kind of guitar you have. I recommend getting the **Shubb** Capo. They are made for both electric/acoustic or classical, and they are generally considered the best. Other good ones are, The Bird, Kyser and Dunlop. I don't recommend getting a budget cloth style capo because they can be frustrating to use and are not that much less expensive.