

Step 8

Tuning



- Use a guitar tuner to tune each string to the pitches provided in step 7

Step 9

Clipping the excess string



- Use a pair of wire clippers to cut the excess string away from the tuning pegs

Step 10

You are now ready to play your guitar!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How often should I change my guitar strings?

A: You should change your strings as needed. Different strings have different life spans. When strings begin to develop wear or sound dull, it is time for a new set of strings.

Q: What can I do to preserve the life of my strings?

A: Always wash your hands before playing your guitar. When you are done playing, use a clean rag or microfiber cloth to wipe down your strings. The buildup of oils from your hands is damaging to the strings.

Q: What gauge strings should I use?

A: Gauge is a matter of personal preference. The notes will be tighter and more articulate with heavier gauges. However, lighter gauge strings tend to be easier to play.

Troubleshooting

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How to Restring an Electric Guitar

In 10 quick and easy steps



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Changing guitar strings

The purpose of this brochure is to help beginning guitar players understand how to remove and replace the strings on an electric guitar.

Materials

- Electric guitar
- New strings (electric)
- Wire clippers
- String winder (optional)
- Guitar tuner

Step 1

Loosen locking tuners



- Turn the black wheels on the back of each tuning peg counter-clockwise until they are loose
- The strings can now be easily removed from the tuning peg

Step 2

Loosen current strings



- Loosen each string and pull the string out of the hole of each tuning peg
- You can use either your fingers or a string winder

Step 3

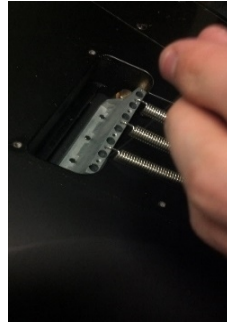
Remove back panel of guitar



- Use a Phillips-head screwdriver to remove the screws from the back panel of the guitar
- You can now access the back of the bridge

Step 4

Pull strings out of the back of the bridge



- If the strings become stuck or lodged within the bridge, a straightened paperclip or hairpin can help dislodge them

Step 5

Thread new string



- Rotate the tuning peg so that the hole is parallel with the neck of the guitar
- Thread the string through the back of the bridge and up through the tuning peg on the headstock

Step 6

Re-tighten locking tuners



- Turn the black wheels on the back of the tuning peg clockwise until the string is secure
- The locks prevent the strings from slipping, which helps keep the strings in tune

Step 7

Repeat steps 3-6



- Repeat these steps for each string

The following colors correspond to each string

- **Red**- Low B (.56 mm)
- **Orange**- Low E (.46 mm)
- **Yellow**- A (.36 mm)
- **Green**- D (.26 mm)
- **Light Blue**- G (.17 mm)
- **Dark Blue**- High B (.13 mm)
- **Purple**- High E (.10 mm)

(Note: 6 string guitars exclude the Low B string)