

Guitar Checklist

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- Choosing a Guitar
 - Decide whether you want an acoustic or an electric guitar.
 - Decide whether you buy a new or used guitar.
 - Go to guitar shops.
 - Don't be swayed by popular brand names.
 - For acoustic guitars, a spruce or cedar top is ideal.
 - A cheap, badly made guitar is no fun to play.
 - When you sit down with the guitar in a normal playing position, you should be able to reach the soundhole easily.
 - The strings should be at a comfortable height from the frets.
 - The frets should be even, and none of them should stick out more than the others.
 - If you have thick fingers, a wider neck will make it easier for you to play.
 - If you have small hands, a narrow neck is more comfortable.
 - On an electric guitar, all the switches and knobs should work smoothly.
 - In a electric guitar the controls should be in a convenient place.
 - Good electric guitars are usually heavy as a result.
 - Have someone else play the guitar for you before buying one.
 - If you buy a good guitar and you never play it, you can always sell it.
- Essentials
 - A flight case or hardshell case.
 - A strap.
 - Something to tune with.
 - Strings.
 - Picks.
 - Book of songs with simple chord diagrams.