

First Guitar Worksheet

Use this worksheet to narrow down the exact guitar that you'd like to buy. Answer a few questions, and I will help you narrow down your perfect guitar!

1. What is your favorite style of music? Who are some of your favorite artists? Do they play Acoustic or Electric?

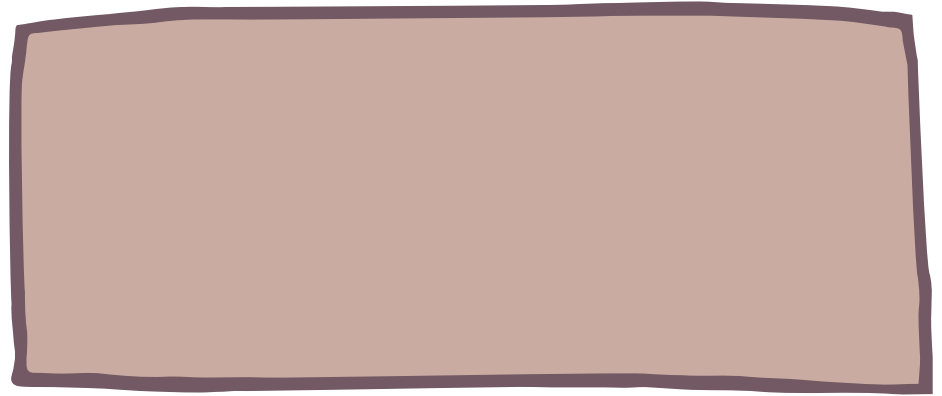


2. Where would you like to play guitar? Do you see yourself eventually playing live, relaxing with friends, or a little of both? Do you just want to play for yourself to pick up a new skill and relax?



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3. What is your price range? A great guitar can be found in any price range. Choose between \$100-\$300, \$300-\$500, or \$500- \$1,000.



Now that you have answered a few questions, let's talk through your answers and get closer to the perfect guitar.

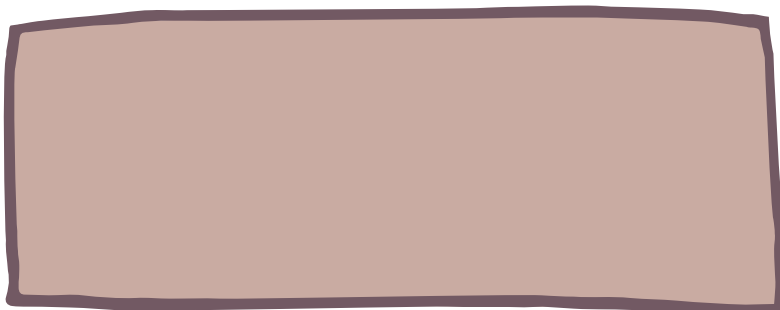
1. By answering question one, you chose a particular artist or style of music that has a particular sound. Is it more of a raw acoustic sound? Is it more of an electric sound? A little of both? By choosing a guitar type that sounds closer to the style you enjoy listening to, you will be more likely to practice and your instrument will sound more like the song you are learning.

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1. (Continued) Write down the guitar type that most resembles the sound of the music you like to play.



2. Considering where and how you would like to play will also help you choose the right type of guitar. If you want to play for friends, you probably want a portable instrument. (Don't worry, both acoustic and electric can be portable.) If you want to play live, then you may need something that can get louder like an electric guitar or an electric acoustic. If you just want to play at home, either will be fine. Jot down some thoughts.





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Congratulations! By walking through these questions, you have narrowed down your choice and broken through the myth that I have to start with a certain type of guitar.

Hopefully through these questions, the idea of playing an acoustic guitar or an electric guitar or an electric acoustic has gotten you really excited!

Now with your price range in hand, check out my favorite guitars in your price range!

\$100-\$300

Donner Acoustic

Includes a gig bag and is a cutaway, which means you are able to play higher notes easily

3/4 size SX Electric Guitar with Amp

Fender Squier 3/4

Yamaha Electric Acoustic 3/4

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\$100-\$300

Full Size Squier Strat

Full Size Squier Tele

\$300-\$500

Taylor Acoustic

Takamine Acoustic Cutaway

Fender Strat no Amp

Epiphone Player Pack

\$500-\$1,000

At this price range, you will be able to find a high quality instrument from many brands. Instead of giving you options, I'd suggest trying out several guitars!

Remember, these are great starting points, but make sure to test them out if you can!

Checklist

- Before you go in, make sure you have your price range in mind.
- As a general rule, cheaper guitars are within arms length. More expensive guitars are hung higher or placed behind a counter.
- Check out some prices and locate a few that you'd like to try. If your price range is closer to \$1000 you'll probably have to ask for assistance to reach the guitars.
- Next you'll have to ask to get one plugged into an amp. Doesn't matter which amp.
- When you are actually playing the guitar notice the sounds that you like and make sure you are using a clean setting if you are trying an electric.
- For acoustics, I like to brush the strings of the guitars I've narrowed it down to and only pick up the ones that I like.
- Don't forget to notice the difference between the way the different guitars play. (the action)
- Once you know the guitar or guitars you like check out the prices online. Most of the time you can find better deals online. The only exception is if you can buy a pricier guitar. Because more expensive guitars have a few more human hands touching them the sound can change slightly from guitar to guitar.