

How to Play Cello

Intro

WATCH THE LESSON AT: <https://youtu.be/SPbav9GToZw>

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Feel free to leave questions as comments on the video.*

Getting a Cello: Buy or Rent?

Buying is fine, but because of price point and other factors I generally recommend renting. Many rental sites offer equity towards the purchase of an instrument in the future.

Recommended rental sites: sharmusic.com, johnsonstring.com, musicarts.com

- Local music stores may offer rentals and maintenance as well
- Most adults need a full size cello

Supplies and Accessories

Amazon links are listed for convenience and price point, but many music shops (like sharmusic.com and johnsonstring.com) also sell these products and more. Sometimes they even have a wider selection of certain items.

Full List (these items & more): amazon.com/shop/emilyplayscello

Electronic Tuner

Korg: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B078C5HCVP/?ref=exp_emilyplayscello_dp_vv_d

Snark: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B01H74YV56/?ref=exp_emilyplayscello_dp_vv_d

You can also explore apps on your phone for an electronic tuner, though I don't endorse any specific apps as I personally prefer to use an external device rather than my phone.

Rosin

Kaplan Dark: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0002DoL36/?ref=exp_emilyplayscello_dp_vv_d

Rock stop

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B072FF16LK/?ref=exp_emilyplayscello_dp_vv_d

Music Stand

Folding stand:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07WDQC48T/?ref=exp_emilyplayscello_dp_vv_d

Solid back stand:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0002FOBJY/?ref=exp_emilyplayscello_dp_vv_d

Extra Strings

If you choose to buy spare strings (not required), the best selection is found at instrument shops (like Shar and Johnson). For the top quality strings, I recommend *Jargar* A & D strings (medium) and *Spirocore Tungsten* (C & G strings), though these are quite expensive. I recommend exploring other top-rated brands like *Dominant* and *Larsen* to purchase a less expensive set, or just a spare A & D string (as those break more often than the lower strings, C & G). Remember to buy full-size strings.

Taking Care of Your Cello

Keep away from temperature extremes

- don't store near a window, air conditioning (vent or unit), heating source
- don't leave your instrument in a car unattended
- if you live in a dry climate or experience dry indoor heat, humidify your instrument
 - Dampit (cello sponge):
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B003QUJ6E2/?ref=exp_emilyplayscello_dp_vv_d
 - Room humidifier:
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07WKZVWRD/?ref=exp_emilyplayscello_dp_vv_d
 - Humidity monitor:
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0013BKDO8/?ref=exp_emilyplayscello_dp_vv_d

Tuning Your Cello

- if instrument is shipped to you, let it adjust to your home climate for at least a few hours before tuning
- use the fine tuners only, if possible (small knobs at the bottom of strings)
- use your electronic tuner to guide you
- if you must use the pegs (larger tuners at top of instrument), *be sure to watch the video*, move pegs very slowly and gently, pressing in while turning the peg

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