

Equipment Need to Start Lessons

Guitar (acoustic or electric)

Truly effective music lessons rely on the student being able to practice on their own throughout the week. If you need help acquiring an instrument, let me know.

Recommended Entry Level Brands: Squire, Epiphone, Jay Turser

Electric Guitar Amplifier

If you're practicing on an electric guitar, having a small practice amplifier is highly recommended. This will allow you to hear all of the nuances in your playing, and thus help to identify and correct bad habits.

Most music stores will carry affordable small practice amps. At an entry level, the brand does not matter.

Guitar/Chromatic Tuner

You will need some way to tune your instrument. All music stores will sell various electronic tuners. However, there are also many free applications and websites available for download. These will suffice for the purpose of lessons and practicing.

Metronome

Like tuners, there's no need to purchase a physical metronome with the plethora of free applications and websites available. If you prefer a physical metronome, you'll find a variety of options at any music store.

Guitar Picks

Even if you want to study fingerstyle guitar playing, I still recommend having a handful (note: more than one!) guitar pick. The type of pick ultimately comes down to preference; if you need help, I'd recommend starting with the basic Fender Medium picks.

Notebook/Binder

Over the course of our lessons, we'll be taking detailed notes to aid practicing and goal setting. You'll need one dedicated notebook or binder to keep these organized in. Bring this folder to every lesson.

Blank Tablature/Music Notation Paper

We will be taking notes on either Guitar Tablature or Standard Manuscript paper. (TAB has 6 lines, Manuscript paper has 5). Speak to me regarding which of the two you should purchase. Music paper can be found online, or at most music stores.

Music Instruction Literature

If I am going to use a specific method book as an aid for our lessons, you'll need to pick up your own copy of it to practice with. I will let you know what book, if any, you'll need to purchase.

Music Listening Device

The study of music relies heavily on listening. You'll need a device of some kind to listen to the musical examples I give you or recommend to you.

Optional but Recommended:

Guitar Strap

Having a guitar strap will allow you to practice while standing up, and can also make it more comfortable to practice while seated. Any strap should do.

Guitar Case

It is dangerous for the instrument to travel without a case. Even a soft case or "Gig bag" will greatly reduce the chances of your instrument getting damaged.

Extra Guitar Strings

Guitar strings are fairly fragile; you never know when a string might break on you. If you're not sure of a brand to purchase, I'd recommend regular D'addario .010 gauge guitar strings (any music store clerk should be able to help you find the right package).