

New Violin Guide

Rent or Buy?

Rent if:

- You are looking for an instrument for a small child who will grow in the next 4-6 months
- You are a young orchestra student who might not continue playing in the next 2-4 years
- You would like to give the violin a try, but are not necessarily looking to commit long-term

Buy if:

- You are ready to commit to playing the violin
- You are an adult who is financially able to invest in an instrument that will last you years to come
- You are planning to travel with your instrument and/or perform regularly

Violin Sizing Guide

Size	Age	Arm Length
1/16	3-5 Years	14" - 15 3/8"
1/10	3-5 Years	15 3/8" - 17"
1/8	3-5 Years	17" - 17 1/2"
1/4	4-7 Years	17 1/2" - 20"
1/2	6-10 Years	20" - 22"
3/4	9-11 Years	22" - 23 1/2"
4/4	11+ Years & Adults	23 1/2" & up



Which Bow Is For Me?

- Decide on how much you are willing to invest in a bow
- Choose which materials (wood, carbon fiber) fit within your price range and preferences
- Determine what playing environments you will find yourself in most often, and choose bow material and weight accordingly

5 Essentials To Always Keep On Hand

1. Shoulder rest
2. Rosin
3. Violin case
4. Back-up strings
5. Cleaning cloth

Extras:

1. Practice mute and/or orchestral mute
2. Tuner
3. Metronome
4. Music stand