



How to Change Your Guitar Strings

A simple guide to changing your guitar strings like a pro!



● Intro - When, Why and How?

Playing guitar is a fun, creative, and relaxing activity, but you're on this page so you likely already know that changing your guitar strings is a necessary part of the process.

NOTE: This guide will help you through replacing strings on either an steel string acoustic guitar or an electric, not a nylon string.

■ When?

You should replace your strings any time you break one or when they become too worn from excessive playing.

■ Why?

Replacing the strings about once a year is ideal for keeping a fresh sound as well as keeping your fretboard mobility up to standard.

■ How?

This simple guide will help you with the process. It involves:

1. Removing the old or broken strings
2. Situating the new strings
3. Winding the new strings back to the correct tuning
4. Clipping the ends of the new strings

● Before Starting - What You'll Need

■ Strings

- Make sure you differentiate electric from acoustic strings

■ String Winder/Multi-Tool

- This can be found online or at your local Guitar Center/music shop
- Optionally, you can use traditional wire cutters as well

● Step One - Remove Old/Broken Strings

- Use your string winder to wind the tuning pegs and loosen the old or broken strings
- Once the strings are loose, use either the mul -tool (or similar device) to remove the bridge pins
- Finally, work the old strings out through the tuning pegs



You'll need to situate your device underneath the pins to get some leverage. The better your tool the easier it will be

● Step Two - Situate New Strings

- One at a time, slide new strings into the now vacant hole where the bridge pins were
- Pull strings back out and situate into the holes in the tuning pegs
- Finally, put your bridge pins back in. You may need to hold the string down a bit in order for it to stay in, but it's ok if it's a little loose right now



Use the indents on the bridge and nut to situate the strings in nicely. You may need



● Step Three - Wind Tuning Pegs

- Once a string is situated in the bridge and tuning peg, wind the tuning peg with either your string winder, or simply the old fashioned way with your fingers

- With a tuner, keep track of when you get to the correct tuning in order to know when to stop winding



Don't do this too fast! Sometimes the string will become too taut too quickly and snap!

● Step Four - Clip Ends

- Using either your mul -tool or wire-cu ers, clip the excess string from the tuning pegs
- Retune and you're ready to go play!



You don't always need to clip the ends. Some players actually like to leave them long and claim it helps the guitar stay in tune better!



● Final Tips and Advice

■ Types of Strings

Besides just differen a ng between electric and acous c strings, many companies use different coa ngs on their strings along with varying sizes. These are usually sonic choices, and most brands label the type of sound par cular string types will give you, so choose according to your sound preference or experiment with mul ple types!

■ Watch Your Tuning

For a few days a er you replace your strings, they may fall out of tune more quickly than usual. Just make sure you are aware and periodically check your tuning for the first couple days a er you've replaced your strings!