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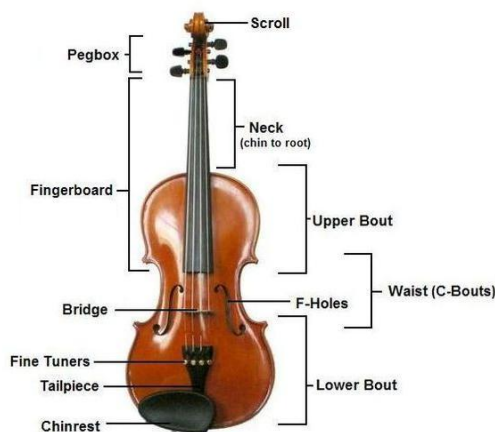
Title: "How to Play the Violin"

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Research has been reported and said that music can help your brain by making you smarter or improving your mood. Want to have better knowledge or just want chill by playing an instrument!!! Well, the violin might do the thing!!! (Or any other string instrument in general) **Today I'll would be telling you how to play in three not totally complicated steps: holding up the violin & setting it, plucking, bowing, and tuning.**

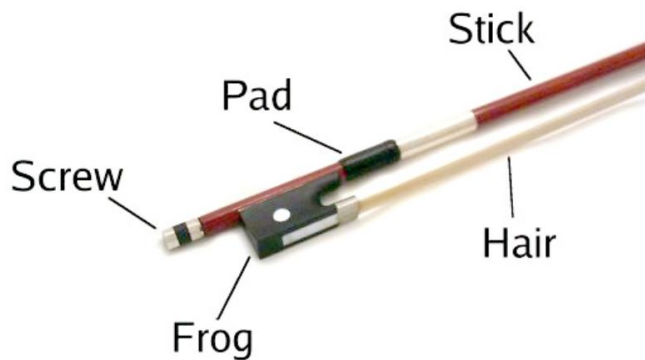
First step to play the violin, we need to learn how to hold or else, it will fall. **First, you grab the violin with two hands, and make sure your left shoulder is relaxed.** After your shoulder is relaxed, grab the by the scroll, the part where the tuning pegs are, top of the violin & slide to the peg box. Then, you bring up the belly and place your chin on the chin rest. Now you are holding the violin.



Next, you need how to pluck to play. Slide your fingers to the finger board. Bring your left hand and put your thumb under the finger board. Make sure your wrist isn't touching the violin or you won't get a nice sound. Make sure you have tapes in the write place, since the pitch won't sound write. Putting on tapes, I think you need a more experienced player to do that. There are four tapes on all of the strings. On your G string, which is the lowest string on your your notes are G (open), A (first tape), B (second tape), and C (third tape).

The D string, the string after G, the notes are D, E, F, and G. A string is after D, the notes are A, B, C, and D. The E string, the highest string on the violin, the notes are E, F, G, and A. There are also fourth tape but that's more advanced. Place on finger on either string, and bring your pointer finger up to the fingerboard. Place your finger and pluck it! There, you made your first

sound! To pluck properly, you hold how many fingers, and bring your right hand to the finger, stick your thumb in under the board. Finally, you pluck with your pointer finger! Now, how to bow! To hold a bow, pick up the bow and have your right finger hold in the frog, which is the part of the bow which is steadier. Now, to make sure your bow plays well, we need to tighten it up first. You turn the screw which is at the very bottom, lefty loosey, righty tighty. You don't want to tighten it too much or else, the hair on the bow will come off. The hair on the bow is actually horse hair!!! **Whenever you use your bow, you must rosin your bow to sound nice.** The rosin is for making your violin to have sound. If you don't rosin your bow, your sound won't sound pretty. Slide your thumb in the gap in the frog and bring the rest of your fingers up on to the frog. Stretch out your pinky and bent it. It might hurt but you'll get use to it. Now, place your bow on a string and swing! You successfully made your first sound on on a bow! Okay, there's more stuff to do with the bow like lifts but that's for later.



Lastly, you need to learn how to tune your violin to get the pitch right. To tune your violin, there's two ways to do it. One way do it is by adjusting the fine tuners. The fine tuners are located on the top of the tail. There are four for each of your string. Just like the screw, lefty loosey, righty tighty. You can get a metronome to get the pitch right. If your string is so out of tune, you need to use the pegs. Pegs are located below the scroll. Same thing as the fine tuners, you twist it to the right pitch. I personally have trouble with this but I'm getting there.

Overall, playing an instrument is just fun. If you want to get smarter, then go for it? **Playing the violin may help you in getting smarter;however, any instrument can help you.** You just got to find the instrument for you. I personally like to play violin since I like classical music and helps me calm my stress. Playing the violin for three years, yeah, I don't know how to tune

properly. Still, violin is fun to play, try for yourself, if you have the budget. Now, go spend hours trying to play your first note!