

Basic Information

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here are some items that you will find helpful to have around as you begin playing the mountain dulcimer.

Basic Dulcimer tool kit:

- Plastic School Box to store the following:
- Picks (Herdim 3 in 1 picks recommended)
- Peg Winder
- Extra Strings
- Small Philips head screw driver
- Rubber shelving cover to place in lap
- Chromatic Tuner
- Tape or Digital Recorder
- Wire Cutters
- Needle Nose Plyers
- A penny or two

Good Quality Brand: McSpadden

Quality Beginner Model: Back Yard Music

You will want geared tuners & a 6 1/2 fret added
Scrolls are hard to tune
Tear Drop shape hard to keep in lap (w/o strap)
Hour Glass Shape best for lap

Strum: In: good for strum & melody string
Out: more power, good for picking

Strings: Change every 3 - 6 months if played often
Stretch the string after you put it on to begin the stretching process.

Chair: "Quick-E-Seat" tripod chair found at Bass Pro Shop

Capo: Ron Ewing Capo recommended.

Basic Chords in DAD tuning:

		D	G	A	C
Bass	D	0	0	1	6
Middle	A	0	1	0	4
Melody	D	2	3	1	0