

SELECTING YOUR GUITAR

Guitars come in three different sizes:

Guitars also come in three basic types:



Full size



3/4 size



1/2 size



Electric



Acoustic



Classical

Electric guitars are thinner and usually easier for beginners to hold. Acoustic guitars have a clean, bright sound and are portable. Classical guitars have nylon strings which are often easier on the fingers. Choose a guitar that best fits you.



Too Big



Good Fit

PARTS OF THE GUITAR



HOLDING THE GUITAR

- Sit up straight and relax
- Place your feet flat on the floor or place one foot on a foot stool
- Tilt the neck of the guitar slightly upwards
- Raise your thigh to prevent the guitar from slipping; adjust chair or foot stool
- Look at the photos below and match the body position



HAND POSITION

Left Hand

Fingers are numbered 1 through 4.
Press the string firmly between the frets.



Place your thumb in the middle of the back of the neck. Arch your fingers and keep your palm clear of the neck.



Right Hand

Hold the pick between your thumb and index finger.



Pluck the string with a downward motion of the pick or thumb halfway between the bridge and neck.

