



# Changing Bass Strings

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# What's to Come

- In this tutorial, you will learn how to change an individual string on a wooden bass guitar.
- You will need a Cordoba Mini II Bass, string(s), a tuning app on your phone or a clip-on tuner, and 10 minutes to perform the task.
- Key features are pointed out with chrome.
- This tutorial is 19 slides long.

*Complimentary bass playing video:*



# Acquire a Guitar

- This tutorial will use a **Cordoba Mini II Bass EB-2**.
- This particular guitar has tuning machines similar to an electric or acoustic guitar.
- Bridge pins hold down the strings near the bottom.



# Locate the Headstock

- Tighten and tune the strings by the turning the black tuners sticking out the sides of the headstock.
- Turn the tuner to the right to loosen the string.
- Turn the tuner to the left to tighten the string.
- Loosen the string before replacing it.



# Loosen the String

- Begin the string replacement process by  
loosening the string by turning the tuner to the right.



# Dislodge the String

- When fully loosened, remove the string from its slot.



# Locate the Bridge

- The strings are supported by the bridge
- It is called a bridge because the strings are held up via tension.

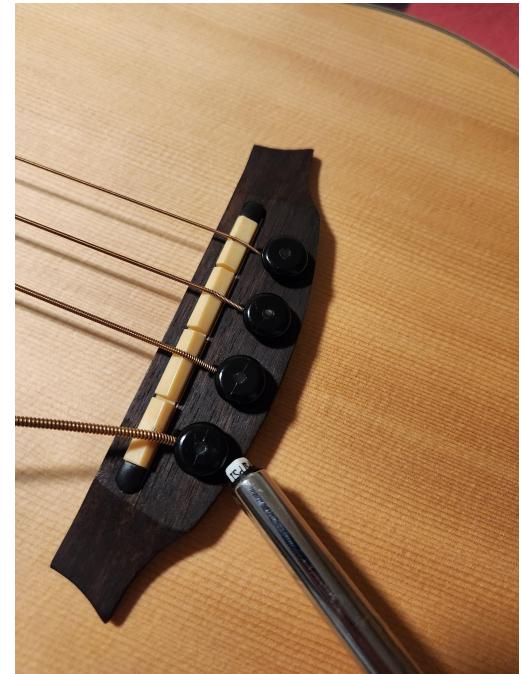


# Pull out the Bridge Pin

- Pull out the bridge pin out of the bridge pin slot.

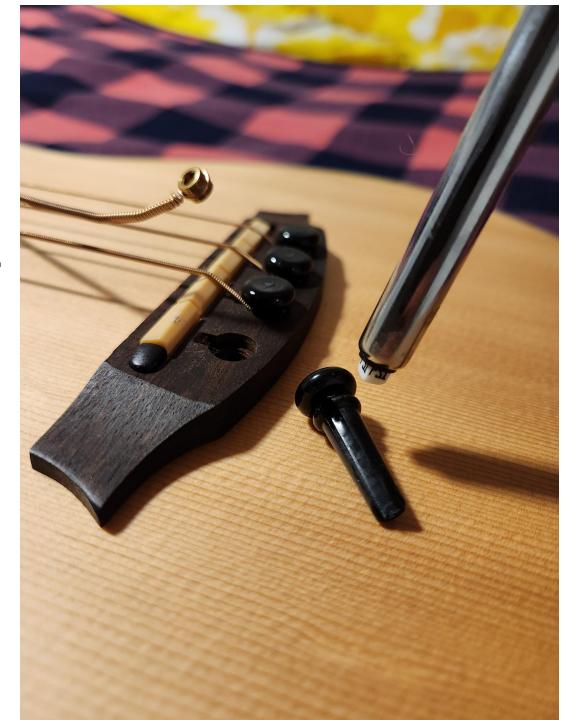
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Failure to do so may damage the guitar and you.



# Remove the Old String

- Both ends of the string should be freed from the guitar.
- Take note of the groove on the bridge pin.
- This groove will be important when placing a new string.



# Acquire New Strings

- Get the right strings for your guitar!
- This guitar takes:

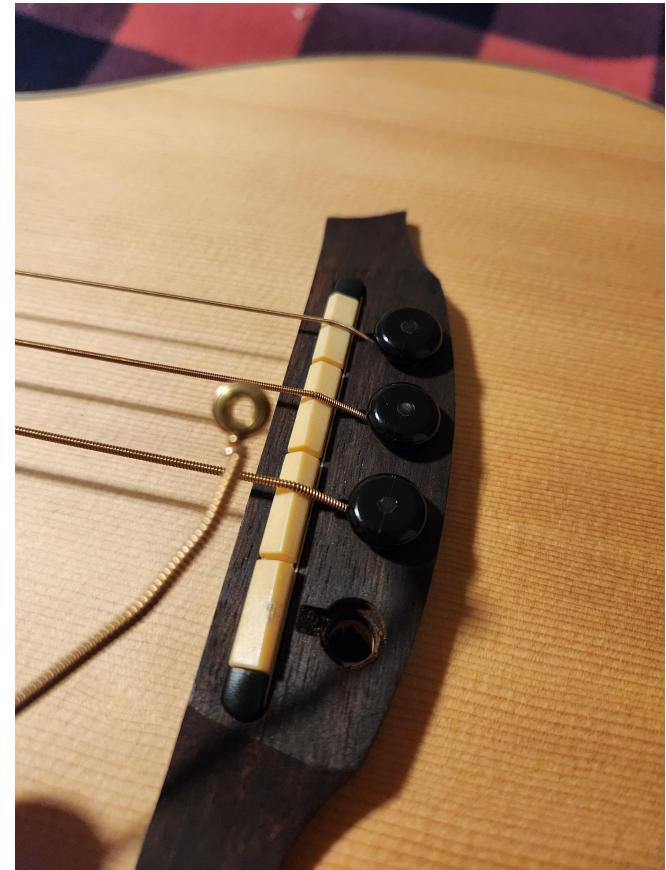
**D'Addario XTB3790GS** - Coated phosphor bronze,  
multi-filament core, small acoustic bass (.037 - .090).

- See the manufacturer's website for information  
about your guitar's strings.



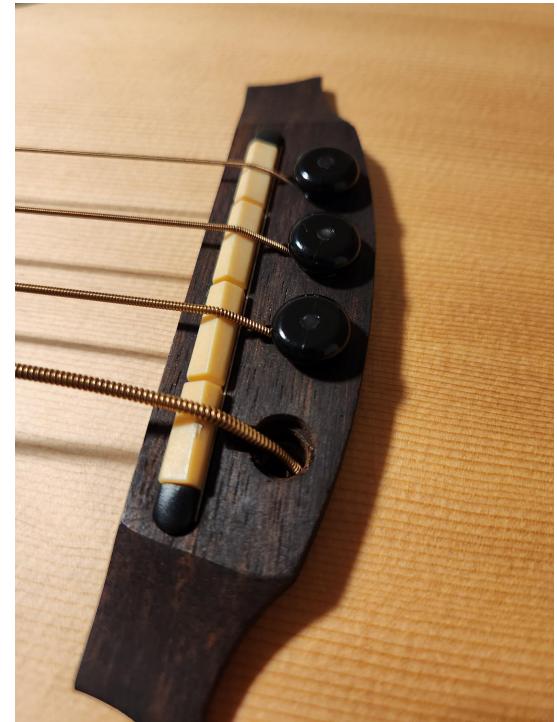
# Grab the Correct String

- Ready a .90 gauge low E string for insertion.
- Notice the groove in the bridge string slot before moving on.



# Insert the String

- Insert and rest the string against the groove.



# Set the Pin

- Gently press the bridge pin into the bridge slot with both the wooden and pin grooves aligned.



# Press the Pin and Pull

- Gently hold the bridge pin down while pulling the string out towards you.
- This is to draw out the entirety of the string for tightening.

⚠ Failure to do so will result in a tightly wound string of a shorter dimension.



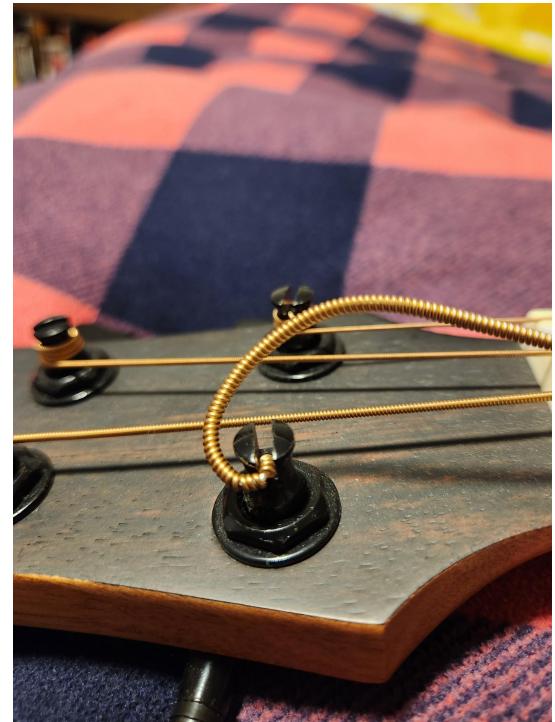
# Go Back to the Headstock

- Ready the top of the new string for insertion into the tuner slot.



# Tighten the String

- Insert the end of the string into the tuner slot.
- Turn the tuner to the left to tighten the string.

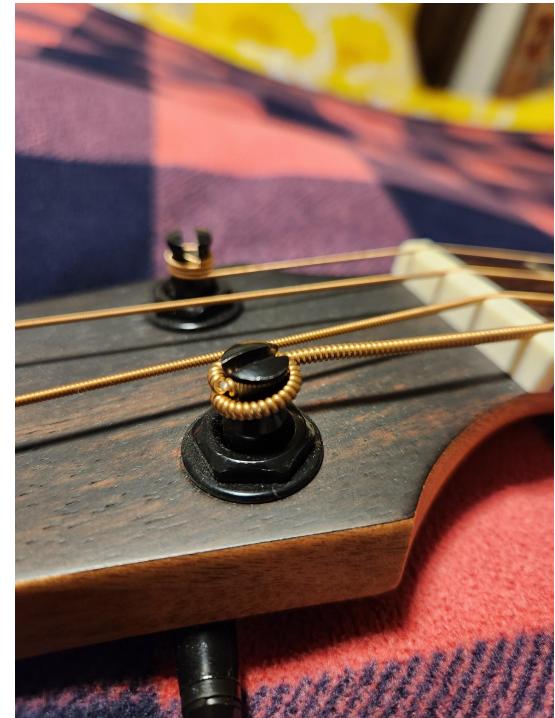


# Tune the String

- To reach the desired string frequency, use a tuning app or a clip-on device.
- This string is tuned to a low E.

⚠️ DO NOT overtighten the string.

Failure to do so may result in injury  
and a broken string.



# Conclusion

- Congratulations, you have learned how to change a string on a **Cordoba Mini II Bass!**
  - Remember to loosen and tighten every string at the same time when changing multiple strings.
- ⚠** Do not overtighten strings or remove bridge pins prematurely
- Happy playing!

