



# 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.

This tutorial has 19 slides/pages.

*Complimentary bass playing video:*

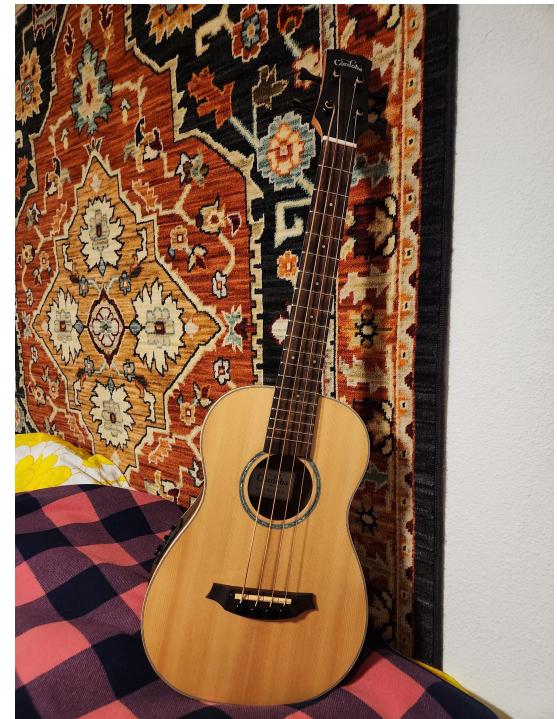


# Acquire a Guitar

This tutorial will use a **Cordoba Mini II Bass EB-2**.

This particular guitar has tuning machines similar to an electric or acoustic guitar.

With bridge pins holding down the strings near the bottom. (More on those later).



# Locate the Head

The strings are tightened and tuned by the black tuners sticking out the sides of the head.

Turn the tuner to the right to loosen the string.

Turn the tuner to the left to tighten the string.

Loosen the strings when replacing them.



# Loosen the String

To begin the string replacement process:  
loosen the string by turning the tuner to the right.



# Dislodge the String

When fully loosened, remove the string from the slot.



# Locate the Bridge

The bridge supports the strings.

It is called a bridge because the strings are held up,  
like bridges, via tension.



# Pull out the Bridge Pin

Since the string is removed out of the tuner slot:

pull the bridge pin, holding the bottom of the string,  
out of the bridge.



DO NOT do this without loosening the strings.

Failure to do so may damage the guitar and you.

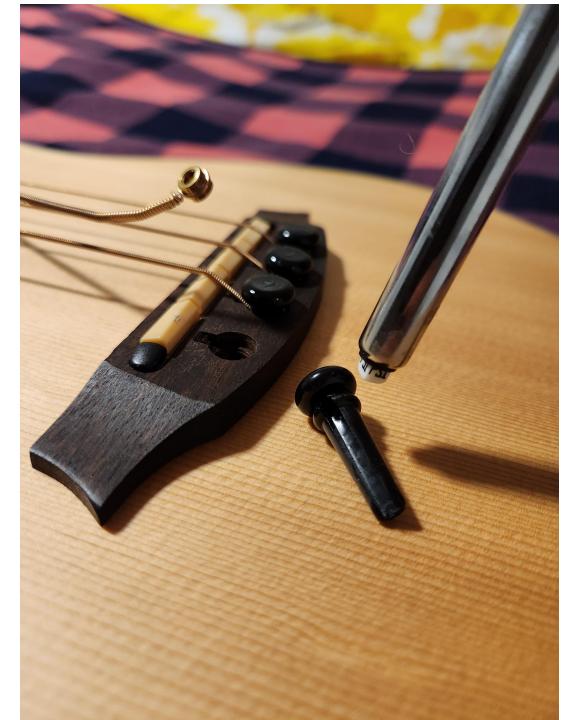


# Remove the Old String

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).

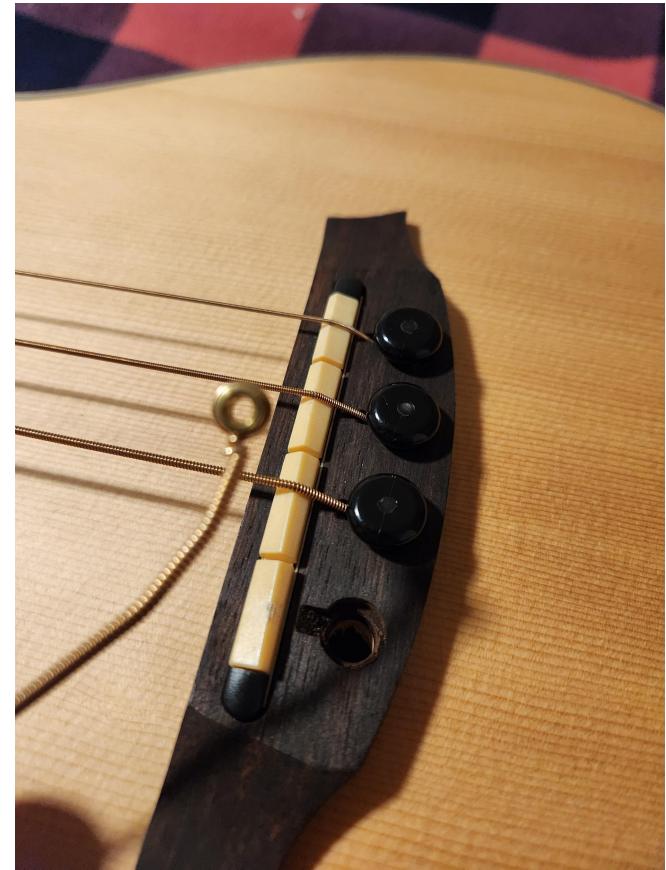
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about your guitar's strings.



# Grab the Correct String

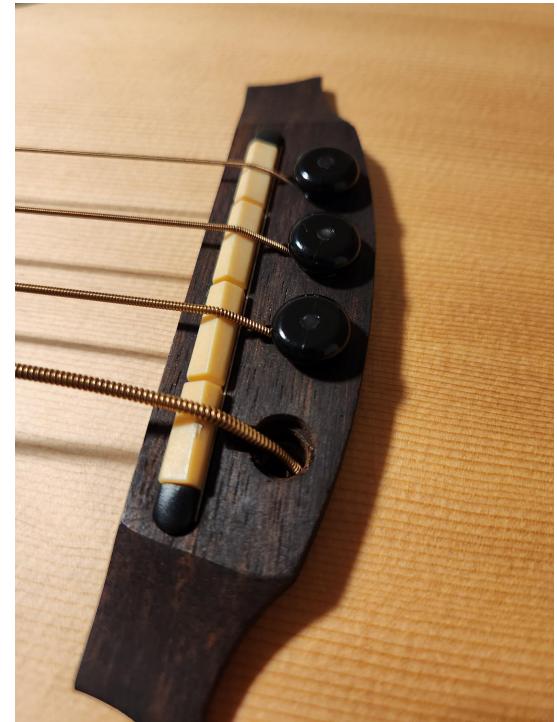
Ready a .90 gauge low E string for insertion.

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 Head

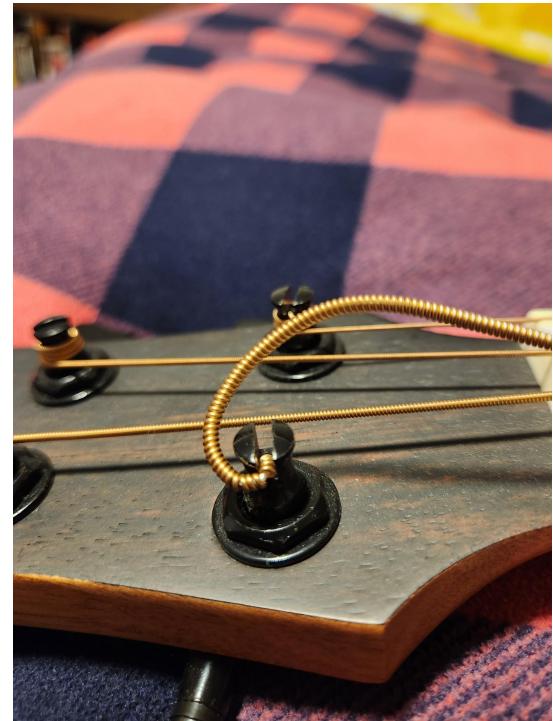
With the bottom of the string secure:  
ready the top of the new string for insertion  
into the tuner slot.



# Tighten the String

Once the string is inserted you may begin tightening by turning the tuner.

Turn to the left to tighten.



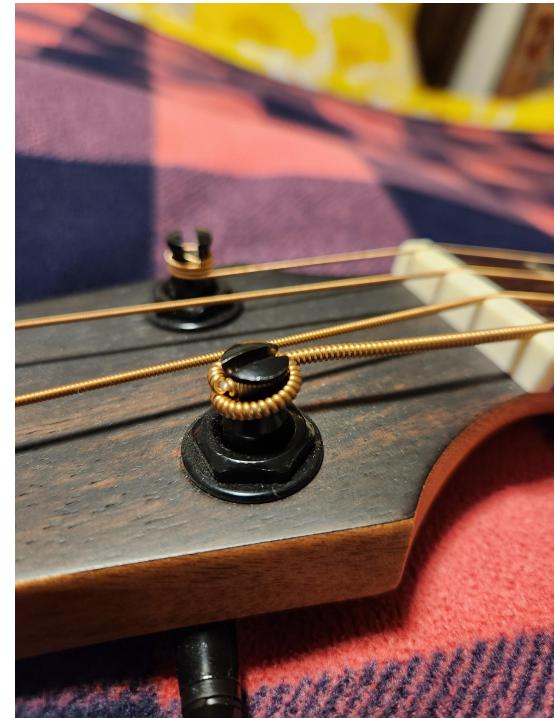
# Tune the String

To reach the desired frequency, use a tuning app or 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!**

When changing multiple strings at once, remember to loosen and tighten them all at the same time.

Do not overtighten or remove the bridge pin prematurely.

Happy playing!

