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Focus Question

What are the steps for building a guitar?



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Introduction

A guitar can be made
by a machine.

A guitar can also be made
by hand.

When Stephen makes a guitar,
he needs to follow certain steps.



Step 1: Design and Planning

He needs to choose the size and look of the guitar. Then he plans his design on paper.



Step 2: Tracing and Cutting

Next, he traces the design onto wood.

Then he cuts the wood.



Step 3: Bending

Stephen bends the wood for the body of the guitar. He uses steam to help bend the wood.



Step 4: Gluing

Next, he glues the body together.



Step 5: Preparing the Body

He sands the wood to make it smooth.



Step 6: Attaching the Neck

Next, he glues the neck to the body.

He uses clamps to hold the neck in place while the glue dries.



Step 7: Staining and Buffing

Then, Stephen stains the wood. Stain changes the color of the wood and makes it beautiful. When the wood is dry, he buffs it to a shine.



Conclusion

Building a guitar takes time and effort.

Once Stephen has made one guitar, he wants to make another!

Words to Know

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