

ACCESSORIES

Below is a list of accessories I recommend.

Picks

Choosing your picks is a personal decision. You will need to experiment with different gauges to find what you like. I prefer extra heavy and I recommend not using a thin pick.

Metronome

As a guitar student, you must have a metronome. A metronome is a device that makes repeated clicking sounds to mark the rhythm. It is used to develop rhythm when practicing. You can adjust the pace of the intervals from slow to fast. Good rhythm (or playing in time) is usually the biggest challenge for the guitar student. I can't overemphasize how important the metronome is. For more information on metronomes, see FAQs at guitarlessonsbybrian.com.

Electronic Tuner

Using an electronic tuner is the easiest and quickest way to tune. For more information on tuners, see FAQs at guitarlessonsbybrian.com.

Music Stand

A music stand makes playing much more comfortable.

Strings and Tools

Strings should be changed approximately every five months or when worn or broken.

A peg winder makes turning the keys much faster.

Wire cutters are helpful for cutting off the old strings and trimming the ends of the new ones.

Polish and Polishing Cloth

Your strings will last much longer if you keep them clean. And the same applies to the finish on your guitar.

Guitar Strap

A guitar strap is needed if you intend to stand while you play and helpful while playing seated.

Capo

A capo is a clamp that is placed across the fretboard of a guitar to raise the pitch. It is a great tool for changing keys. It is used more in acoustic folk music than in other genres. See *How to Use a Capo* on Page 62.