DO

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• Loosen the Bow Hairs after each use.
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DON’T’S

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STOP! Read This Before You Assemble Your Violin

1. Unpacking Your New Violin

A. Position The Case

Place the Violin case in front of you as shown in the picture. You should be able to see the Suzuki logo on the case. If you do not see the logo, the case is upside down and should NOT be opened. Open the case ONLY if you can see this logo.

B. Open The Case

Unzip the 2 zippers. Make sure to fully unzip each zipper to the very end. Be careful!

C. Unwrap Your Violin

Remove the Violin and Bow from the Case and carefully unwrap the outer plastic wrap. Loosen the draw string on the Bow Rosen Bag and carefully unwrap the outer plastic wrap. Remove the Violin and Bow from the Bag Floor by floor as you unwrap the case.

2. Here Are The Names Of Your Violin Parts

- 1. Violin
- 2. Bow
- 3. Storage Compartment
- 4. Polishing Blanket

3. This Is What Your Violin Will Look Like When Assembled

- A. Fingerboard
- B. Frog
- C. Chin Rest
- D. Tailpiece
- E. Bridge

4. How To Set Up Your New Violin

A. Remove Protective Cover

Remove the Protective Cover. Place the Violin in the case and carefully unwrap the outer plastic wrap. Remove the Protective Cover. Place the protective cover on the inside of the case. Close the case.

B. Remove the Bow from the Case

Place the Bow on the inside of the Case. Turn the Restraining Hook a quarter turn. Now you can easily remove the Bow from the case.

C. Tighten The Hairs on the Bow Before Playing

Gently turn the Tension Screw to tighten the hairs on the bow. Be careful!

D. Put Rosin on the Bow Hairs

Locate the Rosin in the Storage Compartment. Put Rosin on the Bow Hairs before playing. Hold the Rosin in the left hand and the Bow in the right hand. Place the Bow on the Rosin surface, then move the Bow back and forth a few times so that some of the Rosin gets on the Hairs. Rose in neutral because it helps create friction for the Bow. It is the friction that is created when sliding the Bow against the strings that makes the strings vibrate and produces the sound. New Bows need a little bit more Rosin at first.

E. Tuning Your New Violin

Turn your Violin using the 4 Tuning Pegs. The Strings are tuned to the following note pitch: from low string to high string: G, D, A, and E. Be careful! Loosen one Tuning Peg at a time. Wind or unwind the string to correct the pitch. Then push the Tuning Peg back into its position. Use the Rose Turner to complete the tuning process.

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Your new Fundamental Violin is manufactured by the Suzuki Corporation, the worlds largest producer of musical instruments for education. We have been making the coolest musical instruments for your school and church for over 50 years! And now, we’ve designed a Violin that you can learn to play quickly and easily. We know you can’t wait to play in the Orchestra or Chamber Group to play quickly and easily. We know you can’t wait to play in the Orchestra or Chamber Group and be careful! 

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B. Open The Case
Open the case. Make sure to fully open each zipper to the very end. BE CAREFUL! Opening the case without the zippers fully unzipped could cause damage to the case.

C. Unwrap Your Violin
Remove the Violin and Bow from the case and carefully remove the outer Plastic wrap. Remove the Head Joint and remove the Violin from the bag. Place the bag back into the case.

D. Tighten the Hairs on the Bow Before Playing
Gently turn the Tension Screw to tighten the hairs on the bow.

2. HERE ARE THE NAMES OF YOUR VIOLIN PARTS

C. Carring Case
When you open the lid of your new Violin Carring Case, you will see the Violin, Bow, Storage Compartment and Polishing Blanket.

1. Violin
2. Bow
3. Storage Compartment

A. 1. UnPacking Yo Ur new VIOLIN

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B. Open the Case
Open the 2 zippers. Make sure to fully unzip each zipper to the very end.

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Remove the Violin and Bow from the case and carefully remove the outer plastic wrap. Lift them carefully from the bag and remove the Violin from the floor of the bag back into the case.

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A. Carrying Case
When you open the lid of your new Violin Carrying Case, you will see the Violin, Bow, Storage Compartment and Polishing Blanket.

B. Accessories
Your new Violin includes these accessories:

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2. Bow
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4. HOW TO SET UP YOUR NEW VIOLIN

A. Remove Protective Cover
Gently remove the Protective Cover that is around the Tuners. This cover can be thrown away.

B. Remove the Bow from the Case
Locate the Bow on the inside of the Case. Turn the Restraining Hook a quarter turn. Now you can easily remove the Bow from the case.

C. Tighten the Hairs on the Bow Before Playing
Gently turn the Tuning Screw to tighten the Hairs on the bow.

D. Put Rosin on the Bow Hairs
Locate the Bow in the Storage Compartment. Pour Rosin on the Bow Hairs. Hold the Bow in front of the strings and move it from low string to high string: G, D, A and E.

E. Tuning Your New Violin
Tune your Violin using the 4 Tuning Pegs. The Strings are tuned to the following note pitches:

- G, D, A and E

Carefully loosen one Tuning Peg at a time. Wind or unwind the string to check the pitch. Push the Tuning Peg back a quarter turn.

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5. PLAYING YOUR VIOLIN

- Hold the Violin with the left hand.
- Place the Violin on the left collar bone and the front of the shoulder. Rest the left side of your chin on the chin rest. Hold the Violin horizontally or parallel with the floor, and slightly angled to the left.
- It is important to hold the Violin properly in the left hand and to properly place the fingers on the Strings. Your teacher will show you.
- Your left elbow should be under the center of the Violin.
- Your left side of your chin should be under the center of all the Strings.

- Hold the Bow in the right hand, with the fingers on the beginning of the wood and the thumb just off the Frog.
- Place the Bow after adding Rosin to the Hairs on the open Strings, one String at a time, and pull and push the Bow across the String. A sound should be made.
- The first sounds might be “scratchy.” Eventually, the sound will grow in beauty and ease playing.
- The weight or pressure of the Bow on the Strings should be “equal” for the best sound. Again, your teacher will show you.

6. WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED PLAYING YOUR VIOLIN

- After playing, gently loosen the hairs of the bow a little bit and place the bow in its compartment in the Case and turn the Restraining Hook back to its original position.
- Gently clean the violin of the Rosin residue and hand prints with the Polishing Blanket supplied.
- You should never have to polish the violin. Never use water or furniture polish because that will hurt the finish and affect the sound too.
- Place the violin in the case and secure it in its place with its velcro strap. Make sure that the cover closes with ease. Never force the cover closed.
- Never store the violin near heat or cold or any extreme conditions.
- When you are not using your Violin, do not place the Case upside down.
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DO’S

- Rinse your Bow Hairs before playing your Violin.
- Loosen the Bow Hairs after each use.
- Trim any broken Bow Hairs when they occur.
- Use scissors to trim the Hairs.
- Check the Bridge to make sure it is upright.
- Put your Violin back in the Case when you’re not using it.
- Trim the Bow Hairs when they occur.

DON’T’S

- Force your Violin into the Case.
- Close the lid if it seems difficult.
- Eat while playing.
- Overtighten the Bow Hairs.
- Use polish on your Violin.
- Leave your Violin in a hot car.

This is what a properly setup Violin should look like. Have fun!

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