



## FINISHED STRUMBLY

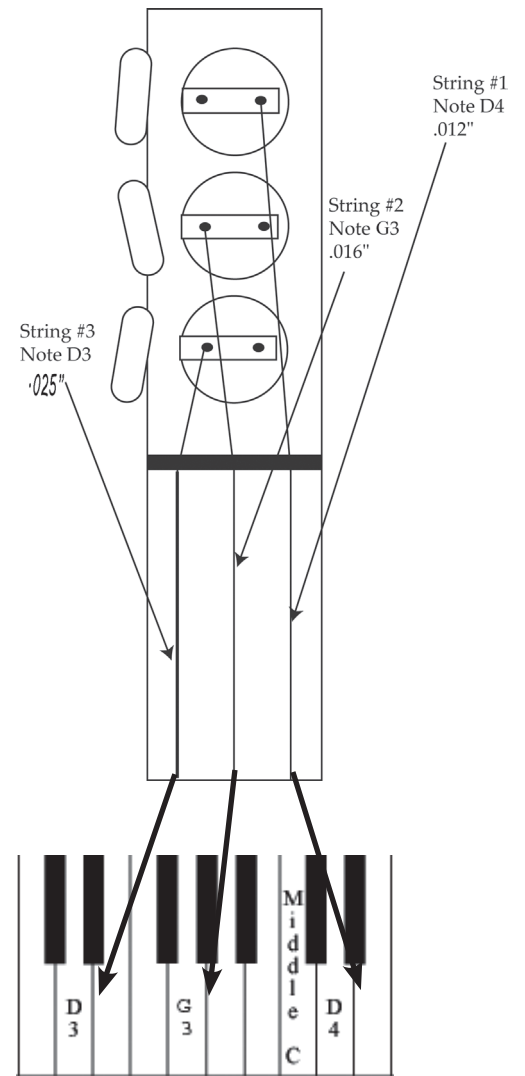


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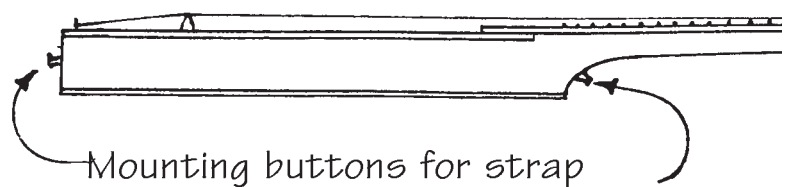
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## INSTALLING STRINGS

- \_\_\_1. Thread the end of the thickest (brass colored) string through the left-hand hole in the TAIL and pull it all the way until the ball end stops against the wood. Pull that string up to the other end of the instrument and thread the end through the corresponding GEARED TUNER as shown. Cut the wire about 2 - 3 inches beyond the tuning gear. Then pull the end back until it barely shows through the post, and wind the excess string around the metal post by turning the white button. It is best to have the string wrap over the top of the post.
- \_\_\_2. After you have the first string installed you can slide the BRIDGE into place. It should sit about 23-5/8" (600 mm) from the NUT. Do not glue the BRIDGE in place. You can make fine adjustments to the location of the BRIDGE after you have all the strings installed.
- \_\_\_3. Proceed to install the remaining two strings according to the diagram.
- \_\_\_4. Although you can play lots of songs on this instrument without even tuning it, if you do want to put all the strings in proper tune, refer to the chart shown. You can tune to a piano or an electronic tuner.



- \_\_\_5. Fine Tuning the Bridge. Play a string open (without pressing any frets) and then play the string fretted at the eighth fret. Check these two notes on your electronic tuner. These two notes should be exactly one octave apart. If the fretted note is sharp - slide the BRIDGE toward the bottom of the instrument. If the fretted note is flat - slide the BRIDGE toward the neck. Keep making adjustments until the 2 notes are exactly an octave apart.
- \_\_\_6. Installing a Strap (optional). If you choose to install the strap with 2 buttons you will need to drill 2 pilot holes - one in the middle of the TAILPIECE and one in the heel of the NECK as shown in the illustration.

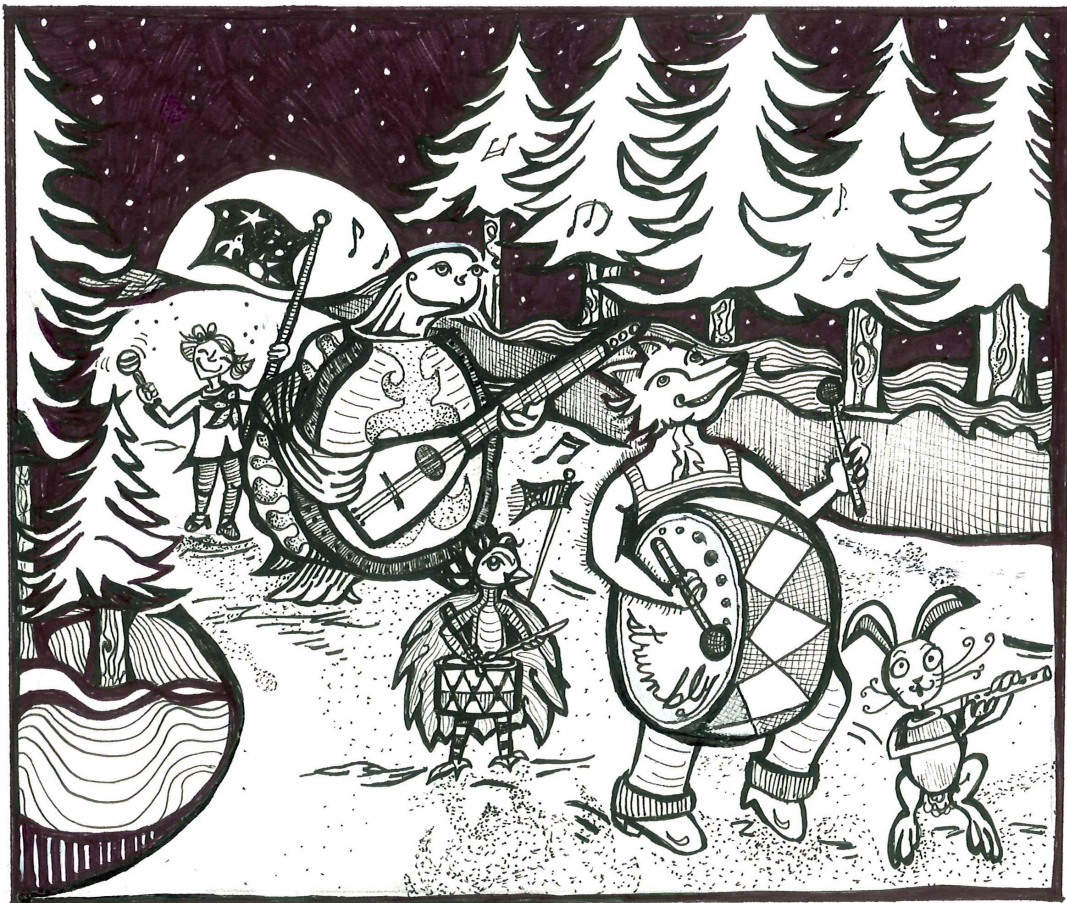


## CARE AND FEEDING

You don't ever need to replace the strings unless they break. Strumbly will sound much better, however, if you change the strings at least once a year. The strings are just common ball-end acoustic guitar strings. You should be able to find these at any local music shop (the sizes are shown in the tuning chart on the previous page).

You can keep Strumbly clean using regular furniture polish. We like a product called Old English because it does not contain wax. It may be a sad thing when you put that first big nick or scratch in the finish. Go ahead and get it out of the way now so you can stop worrying about it. Remember - the purpose of a musical instrument is to make music. Looking nice is just a luxury.

Yes, you may take Strumbly hiking, camping, climbing, boating, fishing, and many other places. It may come in handy as a spare tent pole, critter swatter, food tray, or walking cane, but we caution you to use Strumbly as a canoe paddle only as a last resort.



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