YOUR FIRST STRINGS.

The best first instrument is the one you will love practising on. Find your sound, your size and your budget with a little help from XYZ.



CLASSICAL

Nylon-string comfort

£53.99+



ELECTRIC

Big sound, amp included

£134.99+



BASS & UKULELE

Find your own groove

£29.99+

THE XYZ RULE OF THUMB

Start with the student, not the price tag. A comfortable instrument that matches their interests will make practising much more rewarding.

Unsure what to choose? Ask our guitar faculty before you buy.

We can advise on sizes, other brands and higher-budget models.

BROWSE THE XYZ SHOP

Prices are website listings; subject to change.

Which instrument feels right?

Each has something different to offer. Your favourite musical style - and how the instrument feels in your hands - matters more than any one-size-fits-all rule.

01

CLASSICAL GUITAR

GENTLE START

Nylon strings, a warmer tone and smaller sizes make it popular for younger beginners.

Often £54-£59 in the XYZ shop

02

ACOUSTIC GUITAR

SING & STRUM

Steel strings and a natural, unplugged sound. Great for pop, folk and songwriting.

XYZ pack: £59.99

03

ELECTRIC GUITAR

ROCK & POP

Excellent for riffs, lead guitar and bands. Needs an amplifier, but starter packs include one.

XYZ packs: £134.99-£144.99

04 BASS GUITAR

THE LOW END

Great for groove and rhythm. Full-size basses are longer and can feel heavier.

05 UKULELE

SMALL & FUN

Light, portable and approachable. A lovely first instrument for younger students.

FIND THE RIGHT FIT

Age is a useful starting point, but comfort and reach should make the final decision.

1/2 SIZE

roughly 5-7

For smaller learners

3/4 SIZE

roughly 8-11

For growing hands

FULL SIZE

often 11+

For teens and adults

XYZ tip: An instrument should be comfortable to hold and easy to reach around. We can help check fit before you purchase.

Start your guitar journey.

Six beginner-friendly choices from the XYZ Music Academy shop. Product photos are shown as supplied; click a card to view the current listing and exact specifications.



1/2 SIZE CLASSICAL

3rd Avenue Classical

£53.99

A smaller nylon-string start.

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3/4 SIZE CLASSICAL

3rd Avenue Classical

£55.99

For growing young players.

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FULL SIZE CLASSICAL

3rd Avenue Classical

£58.99

Full-size nylon strings.

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ACOUSTIC GUITAR

3rd Avenue Acoustic

£59.99

Natural unplugged sound.

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3/4 SIZE ELECTRIC

3rd Avenue Electric Pack

£134.99

Starter amplifier included.

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FULL SIZE ELECTRIC

3rd Avenue Electric Pack

£144.99

Amp and accessories included.

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Not sure which to choose? Your XYZ tutor can help you match size, style and budget.

Different strings. Same fun.

Bass and ukulele both offer excellent ways into making music - and both are available through the XYZ shop.



BASS GUITAR

3rd Avenue Electric Bass Guitar Pack - Full Size

£159.99

Perfect for learners who love a strong beat, memorable bass lines and playing in a band. This full-size option comes with an amp and accessories.

BEST FOR: students who love rhythm, pop, rock and funk.

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UKULELE

A-Star Soprano Ukulele With Bag - Natural

£29.99

Small, portable and great fun. Soft strings and four-string chord shapes make it an approachable choice for young beginners and adults alike.

BEST FOR: a light, portable and budget-friendly start.

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XYZ FACULTY TIP

A full-size bass can feel large or heavy to a younger child. If the fit is uncertain, ask your tutor about a short-scale alternative. Ukuleles are usually much easier for smaller hands to hold.

Make it yours.

A little planning now can prevent a lot of frustration later - and help students enjoy making music from day one.

A SENSIBLE STARTING BUDGET

UNDER £60

Ukulele or classical guitar

The most affordable way to begin.

£60-£150

Acoustic or electric guitar

Popular starter-kit territory.

£150+

Bass or a premium guitar

Ask the faculty for tailored advice.

BUYING SECOND-HAND?

Absolutely worth considering! eBay and local marketplaces can offer bargains - but please check the condition carefully.

01 Any cracks, loose parts or damaged electrics?

02 Can the guitar hold its tuning?

03 Is the neck straight and the action comfortable?

04 Would repairs erase the saving?

Important: XYZ can offer general guidance on second-hand instruments but cannot guarantee the quality, condition or reliability of equipment bought from other sellers.

HAVE A BIGGER BUDGET?

Our guitar faculty can recommend premium brands and models beyond the XYZ starter range, based on the student's interests, experience and budget.

Happy playing! Your XYZ tutor is here to help.

EXPLORE THE XYZ MUSIC SHOP

Ask us before buying if you are unsure.