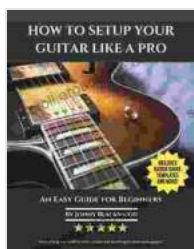


# How to Setup Your Guitar Like a Pro: The Ultimate Guide

Are you ready to take your guitar playing to the next level? One of the most important aspects of maintaining a guitar is setting it up correctly. A properly setup guitar will play better, sound better, and stay in tune longer. In this comprehensive guide, we will walk you through every step of the guitar setup process, from restringing to intonation and truss rod adjustment. By the end of this article, you will have the knowledge and skills to set up your guitar like a pro.

## Step 1: Restringing

The first step in setting up your guitar is to restring it. This is a relatively simple process, but it is important to do it correctly to avoid damaging your guitar or the strings. To restring your guitar, you will need a new set of strings, a string winder, and a pair of wire cutters. You should also visit [restring.com](http://restring.com) to learn more.



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1. Start by removing the old strings. To do this, simply loosen the tuning pegs until the strings are slack. Then, use the string winder to remove the strings from the tuning pegs and the bridge.
2. Next, prepare the new strings. Cut the strings to the correct length, leaving about 2 inches of excess string on each end. Then, thread the strings through the bridge and the tuning pegs.
3. Finally, tune the strings to the correct pitch. You can use a guitar tuner to help you with this.

## **Step 2: Intonation**

Intonation is the process of adjusting the length of the strings so that they play in tune at every fret. To intonate your guitar, you will need a tuner and a small screwdriver. To learn more about intonation, consider visiting [intonate.com](http://intonate.com).

1. Start by tuning the guitar to the correct pitch.
2. Next, play the 12th fret harmonic on the low E string. This is done by lightly touching the string at the 12th fret and plucking it with your other hand.
3. Compare the pitch of the harmonic to the pitch of the open E string. If the harmonic is sharp, you need to lengthen the string. If the harmonic is flat, you need to shorten the string.
4. To adjust the length of the string, use the small screwdriver to turn the intonation screw on the bridge. Turning the screw clockwise will

lengthen the string, and turning it counterclockwise will shorten the string.

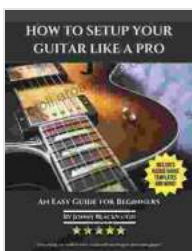
5. Repeat this process for each string.

### Step 3: Truss Rod Adjustment

The truss rod is a metal rod that runs inside the neck of the guitar. It is used to adjust the neck relief, which is the amount of bow in the neck. To adjust the truss rod, you will need a truss rod wrench. You can learn more about truss rods at [adjusttrussrod.org](http://adjusttrussrod.org).

1. Start by checking the neck relief. To do this, fret the guitar at the first and last frets and then sight down the neck. If there is a gap between the strings and the frets, the neck relief is too great. If the strings are buzzing against the frets, the neck relief is too small.
2. To adjust the neck relief, turn the truss rod wrench clockwise to decrease the relief (flatten the neck) and counterclockwise to increase the relief (bow the neck).
3. Make small adjustments and recheck the neck relief until it is correct.

Setting up your guitar like a pro is not difficult, but it does require some time and patience. By following the steps outlined in this guide, you can ensure that your guitar is playing and sounding its best. With a properly setup guitar, you will be able to play with more confidence and expressiveness.



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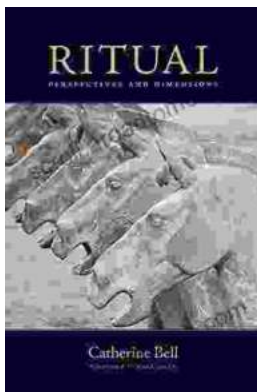
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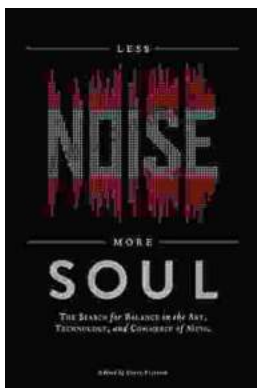
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