



Replacing Strings on a Mandolin

Learn all you need to know to properly replace strings on your Gretsch New Yorker Mandolin.

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INTRODUCTION

This guide gives step-by-step instructions for replacing strings in the most appropriate manner, ensuring that you can do some seriously righteous jamming on your New Yorker!

TOOLS:

- [Optional: Electronic Tuning Device](#) (1)
- [Pliers or Scissors](#) (1)

PARTS:

- [Mandolin Strings Gretsch New Yorker Mandolin](#) (1)

Step 1 — Mandolin Strings



- Place the mandolin on a firm, level surface with adequate lighting.

Step 2



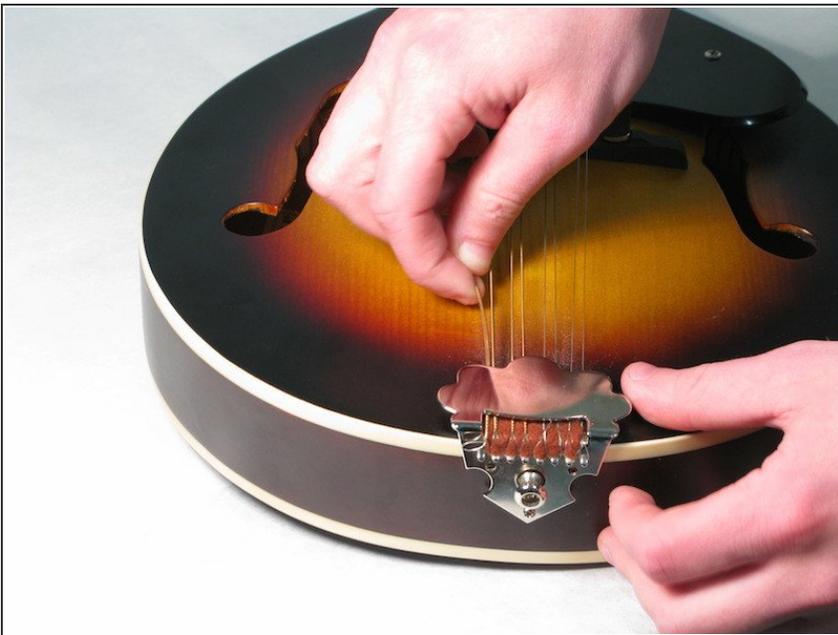
- Loosen the tuning knob.
- Carefully remove the top end of string from the tuner in the mandolin head.

Step 3



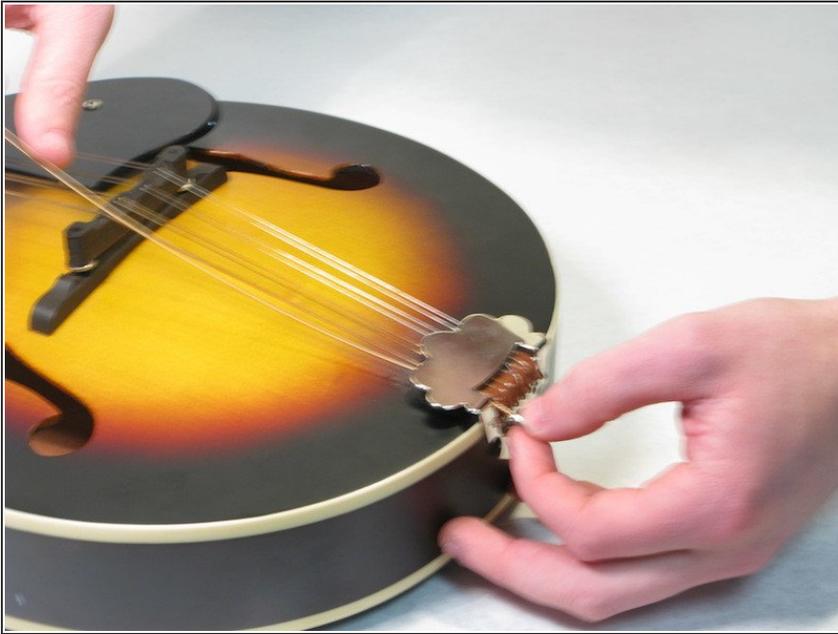
- Unhook the old string from the tail of the mandolin.
- Remove the string from the bottom.

Step 4



- Select a new string, and then insert the bottom end of it through the bridge at the tail.

Step 5



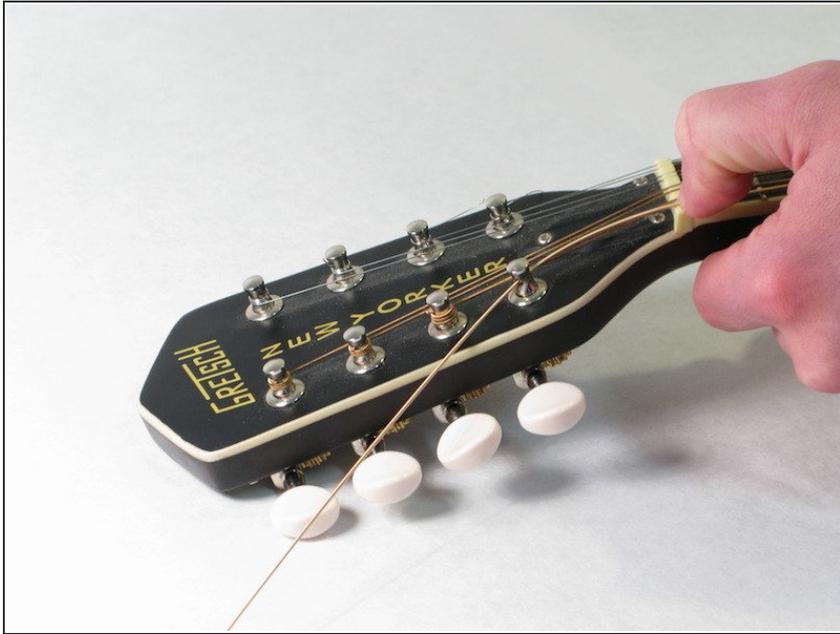
- Secure the string to the tail by looping it over the hook.

Step 6



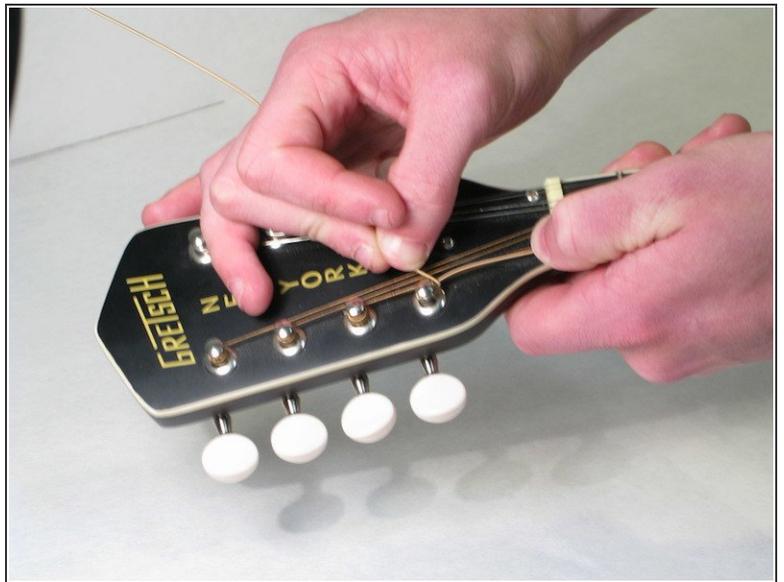
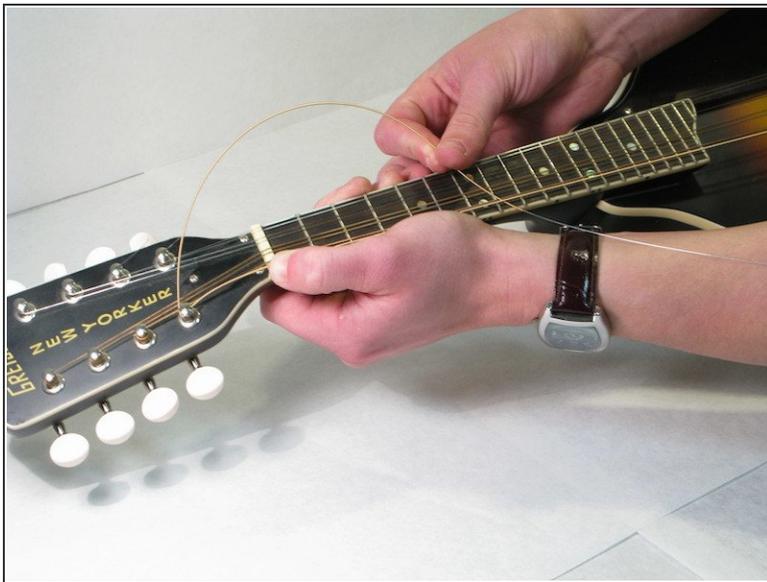
- Pulling the string taut, bring its top end across the nut and into the tuning peg.

Step 7



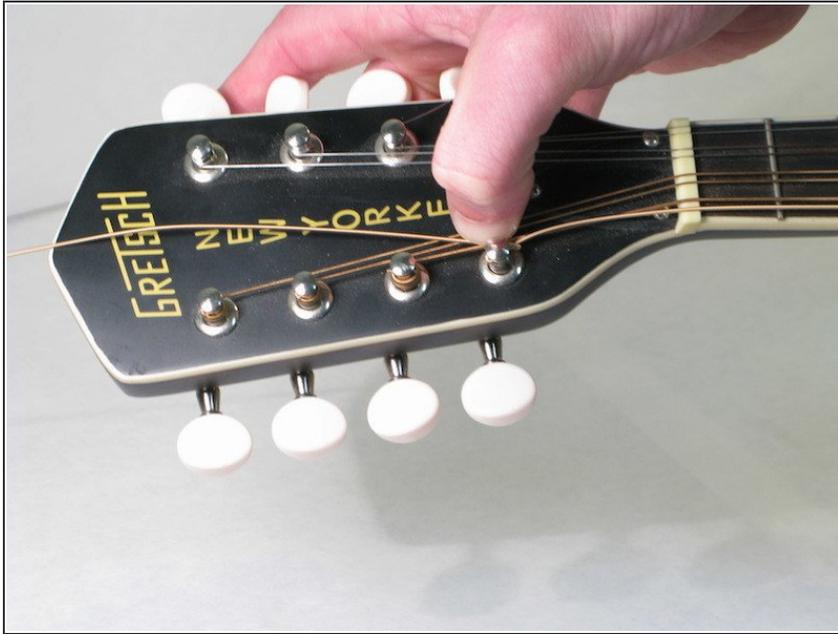
- Run the line through the tuning element at the head of the mandolin, as pictured. Be sure to pull the string away from the headstock.

Step 8



- Pull the string down, towards the fretboard, and run the string underneath itself.
- Pull the string tight so that it wraps around the tuning peg.

Step 9



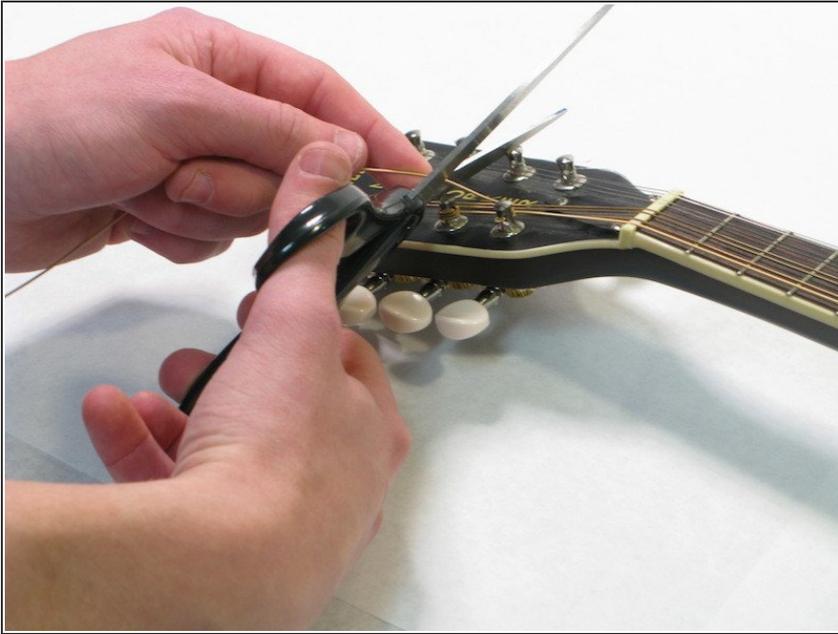
- Pinch the string over itself to create a knot.

Step 10



- Tighten the tuning nob until the desired tension is reached.

Step 11



- Clip off any excess string.

Step 12



- Optional: Clip the electronic tuning device to the head of the mandolin; use the device to assist in fine-tuning your mandolin.

Step 13



- Commence rocking on with your Gretsch New Yorker!