

Activity Guide

The Language of Art & Music

Composition, harmony, rhythm, and scale are a few terms used both in art and music. Think about other terms or ways music and art are similar. Both forms of creative expression cause distinct feelings and meanings for viewers or listeners.

Pair It with a Song!

How do you feel when you look at these artworks? Think about songs you know that could be paired with these artworks. Or select a music type – often called a “genre” – to express the same feeling as each artwork.



Andy Warhol, *Self-Portrait*, 1966



Pablo Picasso, *Ma Jolie*, 1912



Vincent van Gogh, *Starry Night*, 1889



Paul Cézanne, *Still Life with Apples*, 1898

Music Genres

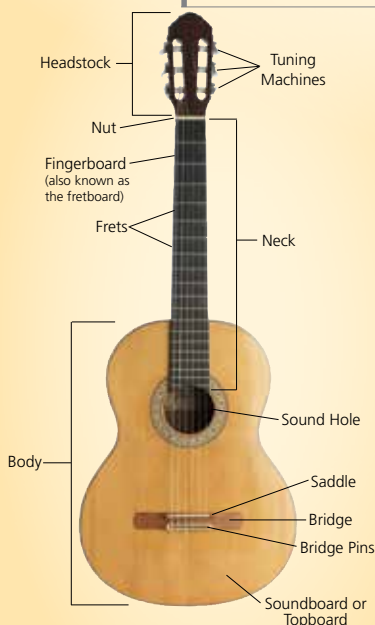
Classical **Pop** Jazz **Heavy Metal** Rock'n'Roll **Punk** Rock **Rap** Blues **Country**

To Do at Home

Supplies needed: large paper, pencil, crayons, and different types of music.
Work in pairs. One person places a pencil in the center of the paper, closes their eyes, and listens to the music being played. Move the pencil on paper to mimic the instruments or rhythms of the music. When the paper is almost full, the partner instructs the person to open their eyes and trace all the penciled lines with a black crayon, and then add color between the shapes formed by the black lines. Take turns. Try this with different types of music and compare the artworks created.

Medieval to Metal

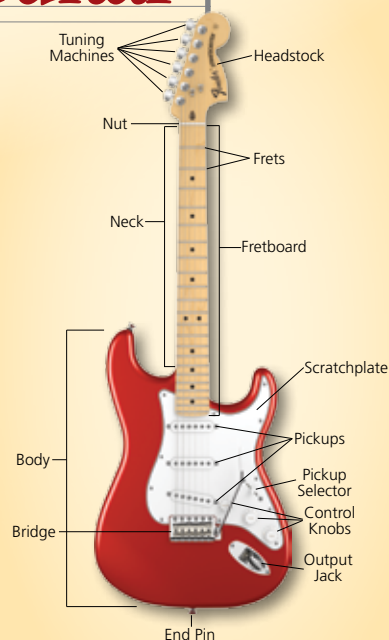
The Art & Evolution of the Guitar



Luthiers, or guitar makers, design and build two types of guitars: acoustic and electric. Acoustic guitars are hollow and can produce sound; solid-body electric guitars need an amplifier to create a loud sound. Although they make different sounds, electric and acoustic guitars are played the same way, by strumming, plucking, slapping, or hitting the strings.

What influences guitar sounds?

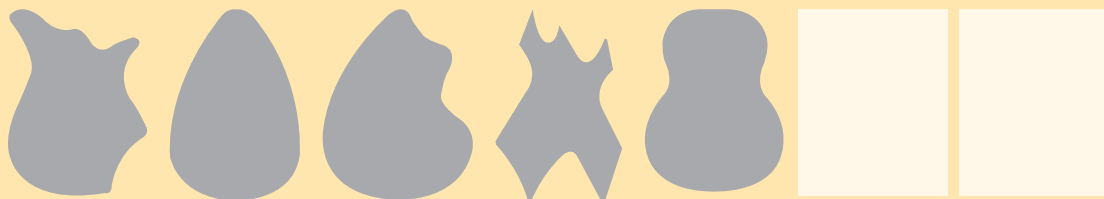
- 🎵 Type of wood used
- 🎵 Type of string and amount of tension on the strings
- 🎵 Type of pickups or amplifiers used
- 🎵 Individual playing style



Shape Finder

Guitars come in many shapes and sizes. The shape of an acoustic guitar affects the quality of its sound; electric guitar shapes are altered more for the comfort and style of the player.

Look for these guitar shapes in the galleries; add other shapes.



Design It

While looking at different guitar styles, notice how the bodies and necks are shaped. Look at the soundboards and sound holes on the acoustic guitars, and at the pickups and scratchplates on the electric guitars. Think like a luthier and design a guitar to fit your style. Would it be electric or acoustic? Reshape and style this guitar outline to make a one-of-a-kind design.

