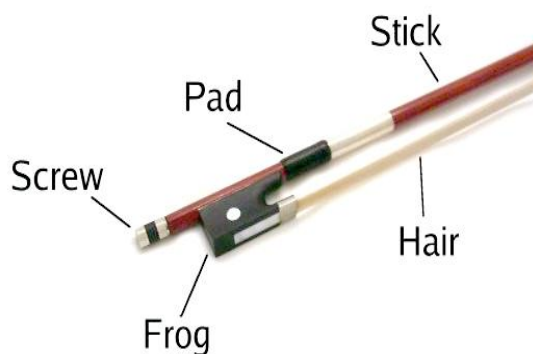


Bows!

Using and looking after your bow



Before you play you need to tighten the hair on your bow. Your teacher will show you how to do this in the first lesson that you use a bow. The stick of the bow should always be bent inwards towards the hair even when it is tightened.

When you finish playing unwind the bow hair three or four turns and clean the stick with a soft duster to remove rosin dust. Don't touch the bow hair; the natural oils in your skin will stop the bow hair from sticking to the string and making a sound.

Keep your bow in a safe place – preferably in your instrument case. Don't leave your bow lying around. (If you have a soft cello bag, always take your bow out first and pack it away last.)

If a bow hair snaps, use a small pair of scissors to cut the hair off at the frog and tip. If you try and pull it out all the hairs might fall out!!



*From left to right
Violin bow, viola bow, cello
bow, French double bass bow,
German double bass bow.*

And finally....

Don't forget to rosin your bow before you play by stroking the bow across the top of the rosin just as if you are bowing on the strings.

