
Subject: OT: Suggetions for an acoustic guitar for a beginner

Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Sun, 05 Feb 2006 22:58:09 GMT

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Don

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Posted by [Bill Lorentzen](#) on Sun, 05 Feb 2006 23:20:53 GMT

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Sun, 05 Feb 2006 23:46:28 GMT

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Posted by [steve the artguy](#) on Mon, 06 Feb 2006 04:11:36 GMT
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Don-

Do you have a friend who's a good guitar player? If you know one, ask if they'll go with you to a store with lots of used guitars, and have them try 'em out and see if there's a good cheap one. There's often one good cheap one. If not, well, you haven't lost anything but some time, and perhaps you'll pick up some pointers.

If you find one, have your daughter try it. If it makes her want to play and it's easy to play and sounds good, you've got a winner.

I haven't bought a new guitar since 1971. (And that one turned out to be a lemon...)

-steve

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Mon, 06 Feb 2006 17:46:08 GMT
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Posted by [TC](#) on Mon, 06 Feb 2006 18:29:06 GMT

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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Mon, 06 Feb 2006 23:22:06 GMT
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Not sure where they come in price-wise, but the Tanglewood brand guitars are a decent offshore guitar being distributed by a Canadian company.

<http://www.tanglewoodguitars.com/>

You'll probably find them at Steves or L&M.

David.

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