



THE TWELFTH FRET

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Last Minute Christmas Gift and Stocking Stuffer Ideas

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I encourage you to call or email us with questions. We can help you choose the most suitable version of the item you have in mind. For "How to Order" and shipping costs see below.

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Our staff will walk you through options and help you arrive at the most suitable version of the gift you have chosen. We know our customers' needs well and have done this countless times.

At this time of year, we expect many, many calls from non-musicians who are struggling to choose the perfect gift. **There is no such thing as a silly question!!** We will help you to find that accessory or instrument that will be "just right".

On behalf of the Twelfth Fret staff,

Merry Christmas and good cheer to all of our customers and friends.

Grant MacNeill, The Twelfth Fret Guitar Shop.

Accessories

Guitar, banjo and mandolin straps: We carry a huge variety of guitar straps.

- Luxury, soft garment-leather straps from Levys Leathers , Antigonish, Nova Scotia,
- Saddle-grade leather straps, hand made by Bruno-Michel Vigneault of Montreal.
- Bison leather straps from Lacota Leathers.
- Elk-hide braded straps for mandolin from the Lacota First Nation

From- \$20-\$120

Taylor Guitar Straps: For for the Taylor Guitar player: Soft suede leather; black, dark brown or honey-amber colours. **\$34.95**

Electronic Tuners: The "Snark" clip-on tuner: H2 model, newest version !

\$22.99

Strings: Strings run \$6 per pack & up. Take advantage of our expertise and we can assemble an interesting selection of strings he/she might not previously have tried. Tell us what is currently being used: brand & gauge (usually you can find a spare packet in the guitar case if you care to snoop around).

Armed with this knowledge we can suggest alternate strings of different feel and manufacture that will be equivalent tension but offer a different "voice" to the guitar.



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Picks: As with strings we carry a huge selection of picks, finger picks and thumb picks: many with interesting packaging that make great stocking stuffers. Give us an idea of what you might need and we can assemble a mixture of suitable picks.

Wedgie Delrin XT pick box: 188 picks in 5 gauges: 50mm, 60mm, 73mm, 88mm, 1.0mm. **\$29.50**
A lifetime supply of picks in a display box with 5 compartments.

Slides and Bottlenecks: We carry a variety of ceramic slides, brass and glass slides. **From \$19.50**

Capos: Paige, Paige "Click", Shubb, Kyser, NS Pro, G7th...we got 'em all for Guitar, Banjo, and Mandolin. **From \$19.50**

ToneRite Play-in Simulator: This unique device accelerates the break-in process, noticeably improving tone and volume. Most guitars with less than 1000 hours of playing time will show noticeable results in 2 to 4 weeks: mandolin and guitar versions in stock. **\$199.50**

<http://www.12fret.com/2013/08/06/the-tonerite-play-in-simulator/>

Rubys Arm Rest: Elevates your right arm off the top of the guitar for improved bass response and comfort. Fits most acoustic & classical guitars without modification.

Woods: Maple, Walnut, Imbuaya, and Mahogany. **\$60**

Indian Rosewood (**limited quantities**): **\$90**

<http://www.12fret.com/content/2014/03/26/rubys-guitar-armrest/>

String Swing wall hangers: These hangars come in Guitar, Banjo, Mandolin & Ukulele versions. Light or dark wood backing-block. Comes with drywall mounting plugs and is easily installed on any interior walls. **\$14.95 each or 3 for \$36**

<https://www.stringswing.com/product/cc01k-hardwood-home-studio-guitar-keeper4>

Guitar Stands: We carry a variety of stands and the basic stand used throughout our shop starts at **\$17.95**

D'Addario Stool: This is the steel bar stool that we use here on the retail sales floor with a lower height and padded seat. It is the perfect height for most guitar players. **\$79.95**

Dynarette cushion: Ingenious but simple device that raises the guitar eliminating the need for a foot stool. Many players find this lessens back strain while playing. **\$49.90**

<http://www.12fret.com/content/2011/02/23/dynarette-classical-guitar-support-cushion/>

Guitar patch cords: from \$15. Spare patch cords are always handy to have. Speak with our specialists about various lengths and grades of cable.



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Guitar Care products:

String cutters: **\$14.95**

All guitarists need a high quality string cutter and these are the best!

<http://www.12fret.com/content/2013/12/19/cruz-tools-groovetech-the-best-string-cutters/>

D'addario String Winder: **\$13.95**

With built in handy string cutter. A must-have for all guitarists.

Cleaning & Maintenance: We carry the best waxes and oils for guitar and hardware maintenance: speak with our staff about appropriate choices.

Flitz Metal Polish: **\$14.99**

For banjo & National Resophonic guitars or anything that is nickel plated.

<http://www.12fret.com/2015/12/07/flitz-polish/>

Barigo Hygrometer: **\$79.95**

Scientific-grade, precision device for monitoring the relative humidity of your music room.

<http://www.12fret.com/content/2011/02/20/humidification/>

Virtuoso Polish and Cleaner **\$16.50**

Virtuoso Polish and Cleaner are **THE BEST** we have found and is the only cleaner used in our workshop on worn, grimy and vintage instruments.

Books & Sundries:

The Century that Shaped the Guitar: **\$69.50 with CD**

by James Westbrook. The definitive book on the evolution of the modern guitar as it evolved through the early and mid 19th century. Includes a CD of music composed and played on the original period instruments.

<http://www.12fret.com/2014/12/15/century-shaped-guitar/>

I Am A Guitar: DVD, 10 mins. **\$21.50**

An early 1970's **Canada Film Board** funded documentary of famed Spanish guitar maker *Ignacia Fleta*. A unique view of his workshop and techniques. Probably the only film in existence of the Fleta workshop.

The Ramirez Collection Book & CD **\$59.00**

History and Romance of the Spanish Guitar, by Brian Whitehouse. Interesting photos and anecdotes: A one-of-a-kind book. Soft Cover.

Inventing The American Guitar **\$89.50**

This book documents the pre-civil war innovations of C.F. Martin & his contemporaries. The scholarly book & best reference guide on early 19th century guitars. Hard cover



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National Resophonic CD Catalogue **\$19.50**

This catalogue was intended to promote sales of Nationals by comparing them: tone of *steel vs. wood vs. brass body* and *single-cone vs. tri-cone*. It does this very well...BUT... it is also **very entertaining!** Featuring a selection of musicians playing old time blues, this has been on my play list at home for years. Now out of print, we have 5 copies left in stock.

Twelfth Fret T Shirts: We carry both the standard T shirts and the “I’m stuck in an elevator with a banjo player” versions.

Brian Dickie keeps track of our T shirt inventory. He can advise you on available sizes and designs. Email or call him please.

Fretted Instruments: *If you are looking for something to compliment an existing collection of guitars; then perhaps something “outside of the box” might be the ticket. For example, a dedicated acoustic player might want his first 12 string guitar, mandolin or electric guitar. Below I have briefly summarized the various fretted instrument groups and suggest which staff member you might best speak with for creative ideas on what might make the ideal gift.*

Acoustic Guitars: *Many electric guitar or classical players are ready for their first steel string acoustic.* You don’t have to “break the bank” to get a great sounding acoustic guitar.

Godin Guitars, Canadian makers of Seagull and Simon & Patrick guitars are THE largest maker of guitars in Canada or the USA!! Great tone and value starting at roughly \$400 range.

Brian Dickie is our staff Godin and Seagull guitar family specialist.

Banjos - We carry 112 different models of banjos. *Grant MacNeill is our banjo specialist.*

The US-made Deering Goodtime banjo is an ideal first banjo. **\$489**

<http://www.12fret.com/2014/10/01/deering-goodtime-banjos-2/>

The “**Rare Bird Alert Package**” is the same Goodtime banjo in a “kit” format with bag, strap, tuner, picks and instructional DVD.

<http://www.12fret.com/2014/02/03/deering-goodtime-rare-bird-alert-banjo-packages/>

Deering Solana Six Banjo with pickup: **\$989**

Banjos for guys without the time to learn 5-string banjo!

<http://www.12fret.com/just-in/deering-goodtime-solana-six-banjo/>

Ukuleles: From \$80 and up.

The Ukulele has evolved from a “comedians prop” status to main-stream status. We carry 40 different models ranging from \$80 to \$3000. Even the lowest price Ukueles are very playable and satisfying to use. Obviously the more costly models are superior but the most basic “entry level” Ukes will be making happy music 100 years from now.



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The Deering Goodtime Banjo ukulele: \$509

Deering had the foresight to install a ukulele neck on their full-sized 11" banjo pot and the results are sweet indeed! A full, rich bass tone unlike any other banjo Uke.

<http://www.12fret.com/just-in/deering-goodtime-banjo-ukulele/>

Max and Nevin are our Staff Ukulele specialists

Mandolins: Prices start at roughly \$400.

As Canada's largest mandolin dealer, we carry a variety of low priced and professional grade mandolins.

Brian Dickie is our mandolin specialist. Brian can help you select the ideal instrument.

Travel Guitars: Taylor & Martin were first to develop travel guitars. We carry several brands, ideal for summertime camping & travel. They make great childrens' guitars too.

The Beavercreek Traveler 6-string, 12-string, Classical & Acoustic Bass, all with pickup. From \$209

Dulcimers

We carry a selection of these enchanting, folk-art instruments. Google "Joni Mitchell "A case of you (live 1974)" you can watch her play this lovely instrument. We carry the US-made McSpadden in Black Walnut and the Apple Creek in Cherrywood.

Provided you are in tune, you cannot play a wrong note on dulcimer !!

Merlin Stand up Dulcimer. \$139.50 Played in the normal guitar position; a unique variation on this instrument.

<http://www.12fret.com/content/2013/12/23/seagull-merlin-standup-dulcimer/>

Classical Guitars: Prices start at roughly \$500.

We offer the largest variety of nylon-string guitars in Canada. We have guitars for Classical, Flamenco, Latin Jazz and Bossa Nova stylings with neck widths for various hand sizes.

Ed Kopala and Grant MacNeill are the Classical guitar specialists.

Resophonic Guitars: We are THE largest dealer in National Resophonic guitars. We also carry a variety of low priced, round neck and squareneck resophonic guitars, starting with the Gretsch Roots Series and Michael Messer guitars.

<http://www.12fret.com/?s=Messer>

<http://www.12fret.com/?s=national>

<http://www.12fret.com/2012/05/25/gretsch-g9230-bobtail-deluxe-squareneck-resonator/>

Grant MacNeill is our in-store Resophonic guitar specialist

Electric Guitars and Amps: *Speak with Nevin, Max, Mike or Chris on this subject. The options are vast and we can help you match the right guitar and amp to the players needs.*



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Small orders: anything that fits into a 1" thick padded envelope, for example 1 to 4 packs of strings or anything relatively flat. \$3.50 postage to Canada or the USA

Small but more bulky items: Small cartons up to 15" x 15" size

<i>Ontario & Quebec: Fedex</i>	<i>\$14</i>
<i>Rest of southern Canada</i>	<i>\$18</i>
<i>Canada Post Expedited Parcel Post - Canada</i>	<i>\$21</i>

<i>USA (Canada Post via US Postal System)</i>	<i>\$26</i>
<i>USA by Fedex ground</i>	<i>\$48</i>

Acoustic Guitar sized cartons: Note that rates are based on the size of the box, not the weight

<i>Ontario Quebec: Fedex</i>	<i>\$36</i>
<i>Rest of southern Canada</i>	<i>\$68</i>
<i>Canada Post Expedited Post - Canada</i>	<i>\$80</i>

<i>USA (Canada Post via US Postal System)</i>	<i>\$180</i>
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Note - faster Overnight Fedex and Express Postal rates are an option. Contact us by email for rates.