

# Putting a New String on a Mountain Dulcimer

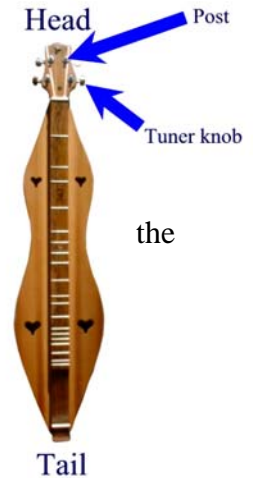
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## Prerequisite Knowledge

Know your head from your tail. (See illustration)

The post is the part of the tuner which actually is attached to the string.

The tuner knob is the part of the tuner which you turn to tighten or loosen string.



## Step 1



Place the loop or ball end of your string on the brass post on the tail of the dulcimer. If your dulcimer has tacks instead of a brass post, you may need to have a loop-end string that is simply placed over the brad.

## Step 2

Pass the other end of the string (the plain end) through the hole in the post from the middle of the head to the outside of the head.



## Step 3

Leave about 2 inches of slack in the string.



Approximate the slack by holding the string about 2 inches above the dulcimer in the middle of the dulcimer as shown.

## Step 4



Crimp the string pulling it in two opposite directions from the post. The string on the inside portion of the head should be pulled toward the tail end.

## Step 5



While holding the string taut, turn the tuning knob to begin wrapping the string around the post. As you tighten the string, the part of the string going toward the tail end should be on the inside of the post as shown.

## Step 6

Use a pair of wire-cutting pliers to cut excess length from the string.

