Subject: Beginner Guitarist
Posted by eatli on Sun, 15 Apr 2007 12:24:51 GMT
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Hi all,I haven't touched a guitar in over a decade, and I was pretty bad when I last tried to learn, but I want to give it another go.I've seen a beginners package for around $100, it includes an Electric Guitar, 10W amp, stand, tuning pipe and beginners video.Is this worth it, or would it be a false economy to get something so cheap. It's unbranded, but has some positive reviews saying it's good enough to learn on.I'm just concerned that the quality could be so bad it might put me off learning again.

Subject: Re: Beginner Guitarist
Posted by Chris R on Mon, 16 Apr 2007 18:20:09 GMT
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You can find Squire by Fender guitar packages for under $200, likelyothers as well. Get something at least decent. Spend a little morenow and it will last you longer and be more satisfied.Just my opinion. Chris

Subject: Re: Beginner Guitarist
Posted by randle on Wed, 18 Apr 2007 19:06:49 GMT
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Of course it's worth it, I mean you are going to need a little guidance but you have to start somewhere and not only that, you have to invest in yourself and your hobbies. For a $100 that isn't bad at all. I think that is a steal .

Subject: Re: Beginner Guitarist
Posted by Ricardo on Wed, 25 Apr 2007 13:32:03 GMT
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I've seen very inexpensive packages that included a guitar and amp. I've been surprised at how well some cheap guitars play.I think it would be good to have somebody knowledgeable about guitars with you when you buy, to watch for warped necks, buzzing strings and you want to get as easy an action as possible. I mean the strings shouldn't be too hard to press to the fretboard.

Subject: Re: Beginner Guitarist
Posted by Ricardo on Sun, 29 Apr 2007 11:26:35 GMT
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That is a good point, Chris. And it reminds me of seeing Walter Becker in a Steely Dan video playing a modest Fender model like a Mustang. He must love the guitar, because I'm sure he has quite a selection to choose from.

Subject: Re: Beginner Guitarist
Posted by eatli on Sun, 06 May 2007 14:44:37 GMT
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Thanks for your response.Unfortunately I'm buying online, but the company I am buying from have an excellent returns policy, so I'll get someone to give the guitar a look over as soon as I recieve it.Thanks again

Subject: Re: Beginner Guitarist
Posted by eatli on Sun, 06 May 2007 14:46:28 GMT
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Thanks for the encouragement. I've decided to go for it I was just concerned that the price might = terrible quality. Sometimes it's worth spending a bit more to make sure you're getting something that won't put you off learning by being that bad.

Subject: Re: Beginner Guitarist
Posted by eatli on Sun, 06 May 2007 14:48:54 GMT
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Thanks for the advice.I had a look for places that ship to where I am, and unfortunately I couldn't find anywhere offering a comparable deal I've decided to go for this cheap package, and then save up for a good guitar from one of the local music stores.If this guitar turns out to be no good, the store has an excellent returns policy, so it's worth the risk, I hope.

Subject: Re: Beginner Guitarist

Posted by Ricardo on Fri, 25 May 2007 11:40:50 GMT
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If it's not a great guitar, maybe it can be improved a little by adjusting the action to make it as easy to play as possible, but with no buzzing of the strings on the fretboard.Also if it had a truss rod in the neck, possibly a warped neck could be lessened by adjusting it.

Subject: Re: Beginner Guitarist
Posted by willyable on Sat, 13 Oct 2007 15:29:42 GMT
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I believe it is worth it. Being a guitar player myself, I would say its worth it. It would be good enough to learn with, once you've learned enough, then you can invest more on expensive brand name stuff like guitars by ibanez, b.c. rich, jackson, fender, AMPS by marshall, crate,and so on.Willyable

Subject: Re: Beginner Guitarist
Posted by Crystal on Sun, 21 Oct 2007 05:03:56 GMT
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Try buying extra light strings for your guitar. They feel better and thinner on your fingers while you press against the fretboard. I use extra lights. Strings bend easier too.Crystal

Subject: Re: Beginner Guitarist
Posted by woodfree on Fri, 17 Dec 2010 05:22:52 GMT
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You're getting a good bargain! That's enough motivation for you to learn how to play the guitar!

What's really important is you take the time to familiarize yourself with the cords and take the time to practice remembering them. You also have to develop your finger strength to enable you to form the cord and hold it tight against the fretboard and develop your rhythm and strumming. When you get through all this, you will find out that playing the guitar is a very rewarding hobby!