



RESSLER GUITARS

"finger pickin' good"



BUILDING A PICKIN' STICK WITH JOHN RESSLER
August 3-4, 2019

COURSE OBJECTIVES

A Pickin' Stick is a fun instrument to build and play. And it's easy too! This is a great instrument for someone who is new to stringed instruments or the experienced player. If you are interested in stringed instrument building, this will give you the exposure to move on to more complex projects. In this class we will begin with raw wood and finish with a playable instrument. You will experience installing the frets, tuners and stringing the instrument.

CLASS STRUCTURE

All steps of the process will be demonstrated. Additionally there will be templates and drawings for you to refer to as well. If you want to get a jump start, you could order my book from Amazon.com (search Pickin' Stick by John Ressler).

THERE IS A \$50 MATERIAL FEE PAYABLE TO JOHN WHILE YOU ARE HERE FOR THE CLASS

INTENDED ITINERARY

Day 1

- Cut out fingerboard and body
- Cut out and glue top and back
- Cut out & shape headstock

Day 2

- Install string nut, bridge, tuners & strings
- Group Lesson (as time permits)
- Discussion on finishing

TOOL LIST

- Japanese type pull saw or small finishing saw
- X-Acto knife
- 1/2" or 3/4" chisel
- Square
- Side cutting pliers
- Half round file (4 in 1) or other type of wood rasp
- Round rasp (about 1/4"-3/8" – coarse)
- Awl
- 6" or 12" ruler
- Old bath towel
- Any other favorite hand tools
- Cordless drill with 1/16" drill bit
- 36" machinist straight edge (optional)
- Optional: Self Centering Dowel jig, with 3/8" drill bit and drill



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