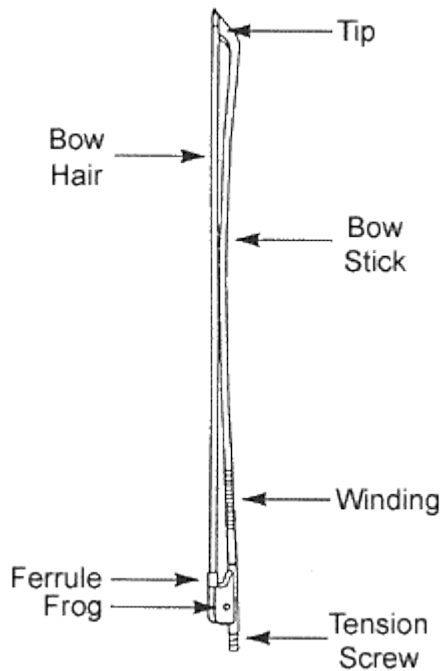


Your Bow



Your bow is made up of several different parts. Some of the parts move and some are fixed in place.

Your bow is delicate and can be easy to break, so take special care of it!

Make sure you take your bow out of the instrument case and put it away again very carefully.

The white hair on your bow is horse hair!

The stick is made of wood.

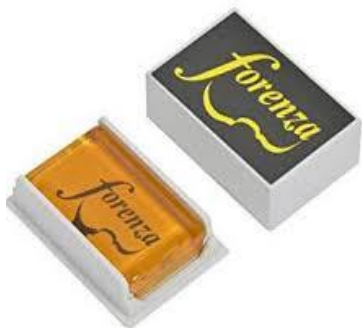
The screw is used to tighten and loosen the hair.

Important

- Never touch the bow hair with your fingers. It will make the hair sticky (even if your hands are clean!) and your bow won't work properly.

To get ready to play, turn the screw at the end of the bow clockwise a few turns to tighten the hair so that you have a pencil-wide gap between the hair and the stick.

When you've finished playing, gently loosen the bow hair by turning the screw back again. The hairs should just start to separate. Don't go too far or the hair might fall out!



Rosin helps the bow make a sound.

You can apply rosin by rubbing the block along the bow hair a few times.

Your rosin might look like the block in this picture, or it might be round, in a tin, in a small cardboard box or just wrapped in a cloth. Rosin can be yellow, dark orange or dark green. They all work the same!

Watch this short clip on YouTube to talk you through all of the stages of getting your bow ready to play:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeBZ4eN9hV