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How to change a mandolins strings

Changing mandolin strings is part of regular maintenance and is easy once you have done it a few times. Most mandolins have a tail piece cover that you will have to remove before you start. You will want to change only one string at a time. If you are having problems just look at the way the other strings are fastened to the mandolin. The first thing you need to do is slip the loop of the string over the peg on the tailpiece. If you are having difficulty slipping the loop over the peg, you may want to use a pencil to make the loop more round. Once you have the loop over the peg you need to feed the other end of the string through hole in the tuning tailpiece. Then all you have to do is feed the end of the string through the tuning peg and tune the string. It will take a few days for the new strings to fully stretch. Cut off the excess string with a pair of wire cutters.