

CONTEMPORARY CEJILLA

If you do not have experience using a cejilla, have some patience as it may take a while to get comfortable using it. Most importantly, wrap the nylon string as you see it in the photo. Try to wrap above the knotted string in the peg, not below. This will insure proper pressure on the peg. Make sure that the string sets in the slots in the cejilla body. Also, be sure to have the leather strap around the back of the neck of the guitar.

A FEW TIPS THAT WILL HELP YOU ENJOY YOUR CEJILLA

- Humidity levels will affect the fit of the peg and peg hole. If the peg is loose, just a little moisture (a bit of saliva on your fingertip will do the job) applied to the peg shaft will make it tighter and more secure. If it is too tight, a little bit of graphite (from the point on the pencil) will lubricate the peg.
- If the string breaks, a medium or high tension “B” string, or a medium or light tension “G” string can be used (save a few of those old strings just in case you may need one). Simply peel back a bit of the rubber on the bottom of the cejilla, to expose the hole for the string. Cut a section of string about 10 inches long, thread it through the hole, and knot the end. Trim off any extra length at the knotted end. Now run the other end through the peg. Here you need to measure and get a total length of about 7 1/2 “ to 8” inches from knot to knot. Once the measurement is correct, tighten the knot. Now you need to glue the section of rubber back to the cejilla body. Use a little bit of Elmer’s white glue (very little) to attach the rubber pad back onto the cejilla body and let dry for a couple of hours. After glue has dried, trim off the excess string at the peg end.
- If the peg ever needs to be replaced, you will need to visit a music store or a violin shop. Ask for a 1/2 size violin peg. Bring the original with you so that the color and size can be matched. You will need a 1/16th sized drill bit. Drill a hole through the peg for the nylon cord. Cut the shaft to size and you may need to use sandpaper to properly fit the peg to the peg hole by trying to duplicate the original.

