



## CARE OF THE SILVER FLUTE

- Wash your hands before playing the flute - no sticky fingers, as this will tarnish the silver.
- Remember to take off your rings (jewelry) before playing to avoid scraping the silver.

## ASSEMBLING THE FLUTE

It is important to assemble your flute with care:

- Avoid grasping the keys when assembling the flute, as they are very fragile and easily damaged.
- Make sure the Head joint and Body are in line, before assembling with a slight twisting motion.
- Adjust the foot joint to a comfortable little finger position. (Avoid over stretching the little finger - keep it relaxed).
- Never force two joints together if they feel stiff or tight. (Bring it to your teacher).
- Never rest the flute on its keys.

## AFTER PRACTISE

Clean the Flute after every practice:

Use two separate cleaning cloths:

1. Mesh cloth / Large handkerchief - use only on inside of flute.
2. Soft lint free cloth (large lens cloth) - Use only on outer surface of the flute to remove fingerprints and surface oils.

Store the above cloths in outer case or music folder, never in the main flute case.

## PLEASE NOTE:

If we don't clean the flute - the acid from our breath and fingers will erode the silver. This means that the flute will tarnish and quite possibly lose its tone quality.

Remember to store the flute in its case after practice. Make sure the flute is positioned correctly in its case, to prevent damaging the mechanism.

## USEFUL RESOURCES:

Your first flute lesson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jn8fQ-ZmvBE>

Another first flute lesson video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMSL-r\\_Gy-4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMSL-r_Gy-4)

Solo Classical Flute: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=be1jjCH32OU>

Jazz Flute: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qu-blRye9I>

Flute and Orchestra: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQDTVdmbEpA>

Flute Orchestra / Ensemble: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4VVUtcXjY4>