

Our Products

We manufacture two types of finger position indicators for violin, viola and cello: the **Don't Fret[®]**, and the **First Frets** finger position indicators. These are decals which adhere to the fingerboards of violins, violas and cellos. They are made of clear vinyl, are abrasion-resistant, and remove easily and cleanly from the instrument. Both product lines are available in sizes ranging from 1/16 violin to 4/4 cello.

The decals are printed with coloured lines so as to indicate the proper positioning of the fingers on the instrument. Both replace stickers, tapes, and other markers. Compared to other types of markers **Don't Fret[®]** and **First Frets** finger position indicators are more accurate. They also will not slip, slide, fray or buzz.

The **First Frets** decal has 4 lines, thus indicating only the most common notes for the beginning player. **First Frets** substitutes for, and is an improved version of, the most common fingerboard marking practices. Some teachers prefer to use the **First Frets** for their beginning students as it is closer to their previous practice, and then as their students advance to continue with the **Don't Fret[®]**.

The **Don't Fret[®]** decal has 12 lines indicating a complete chromatic scale of one octave. The lines---5 white, and 7 in other colours---are arranged in the same pattern as that of the piano keyboard, with its 5 black and 7 white keys. With the full set of lines it is easier to teach finger patterns, keys (tonalities), and intervals such as whole- and half-steps. Because the 12 lines make the patterns of whole-and half- steps more obvious, many teachers prefer to start their beginning students directly on the **Don't Fret[®]**, simply teaching finger placement one colour at a time.