

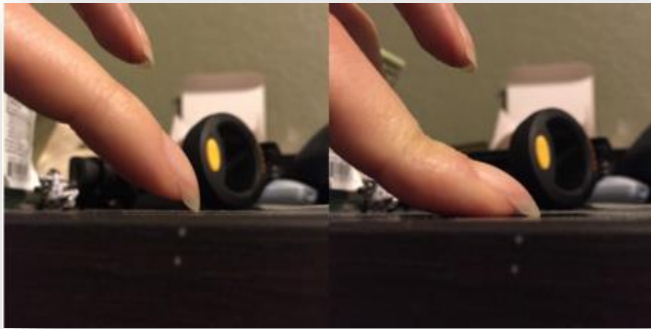
Long Nails and String Playing

A Visual Guide to help parents and students understand why it doesn't work.

Correct Violin and Viola Hand Position



Correct Cello and Bass Hand Position



When you are forced to play on the back side of your finger (because your nails are long) it removes the direct pressure needed to hold the string down for a resonating tone. It also slows you down, gets stuck between strings, makes vibrato impossible, and creates other bad habits that will hold your technique back.

Learning an instrument is hard enough without giving yourself a handicap.

Protect your investment and protect your talent!



Finger on strings before trimming

This picture shows what is happening as the nails grow out. It doesn't feel good to have your nail in the way when pressing the string down.

Keep a pair of clippers in your case if they grow quickly.

Nail Art is fun! There are times when you may have a wedding or other event when everyone is getting their nails done. You can too! Just don't add super long nails or have a plan for having them removed soon after the event.

