

DIY Ukulele Strap

Instructions Using a Pair of Shoelaces, Version Nov 20, 2023

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METHOD 1: Without Button

ADVANTAGES:

- ❖ No modifications to uke
- ❖ Low cost; potentially free

DISADVANTAGE:

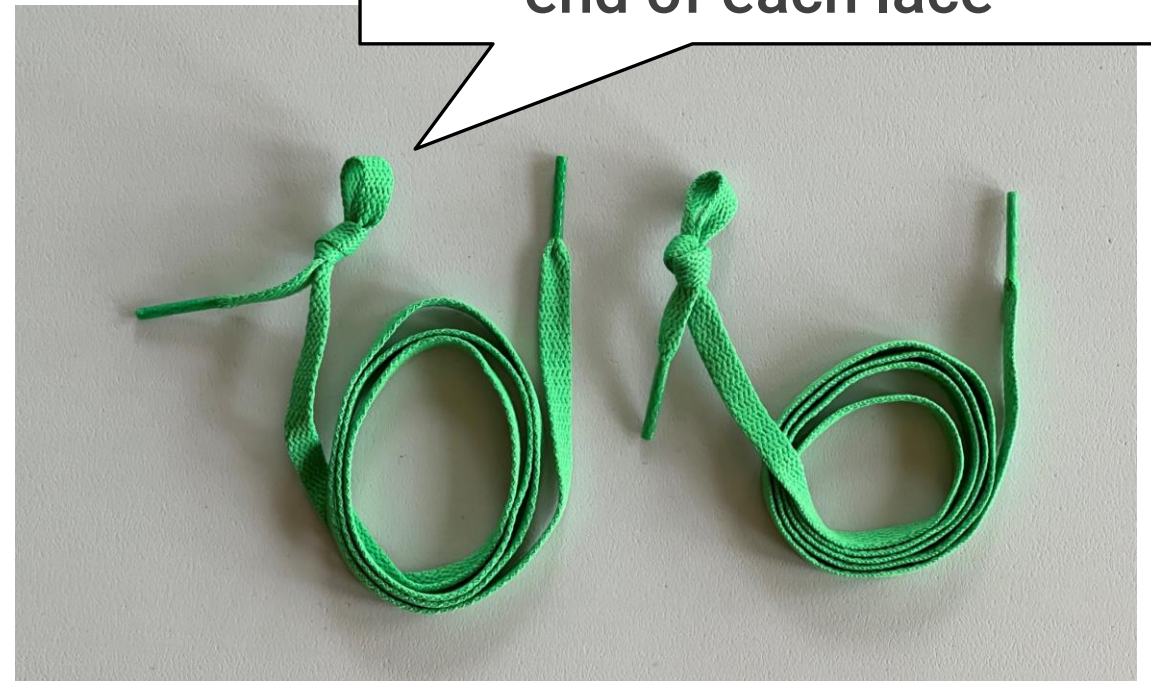
- ❖ Uke position less than optimal for strumming
- ❖ Risk of inhibiting string vibration

Step 1: Form Primary Loops



Pair of shoe laces
each 36" long

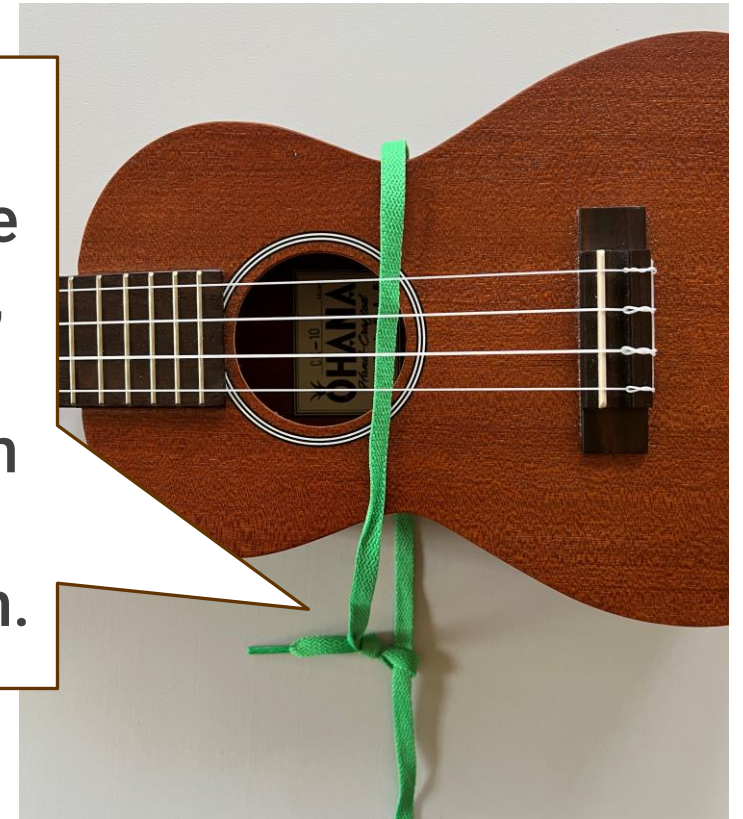
Make a small loop in one
end of each lace



Step 2: Form Secondary Loops



Thread one lace under the uke's strings, around the HEAD, to form a secondary loop as shown.



Thread one lace under the uke's strings, around the BODY, to form a secondary loop as shown.

Step 3: Pull Secondary Loops Snug

Ensure lace is under strings.



Ensure significant space between strings and lace so strings can vibrate. E.g. Don't twist lace.



Strings.

Step 4: Tie Laces Together



Tie remaining ends of laces together, selecting an overall length to fit you.

METHOD 2: With Button

ADVANTAGES:

- ❖ Uke in more comfortable strumming position
- ❖ Doesn't risk inhibiting vibrating strings
- ❖ Allows future upgrade to mandolin strap

DISADVANTAGE:

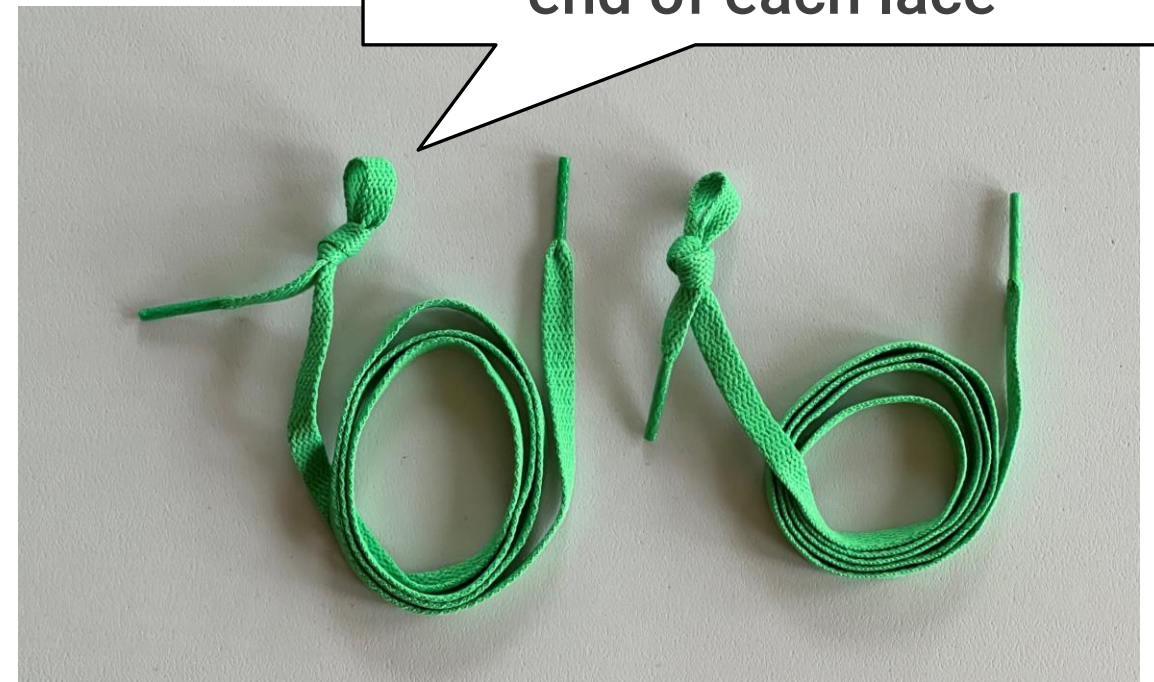
- ❖ Music store modifies your uke
- ❖ Cost to buy/install button

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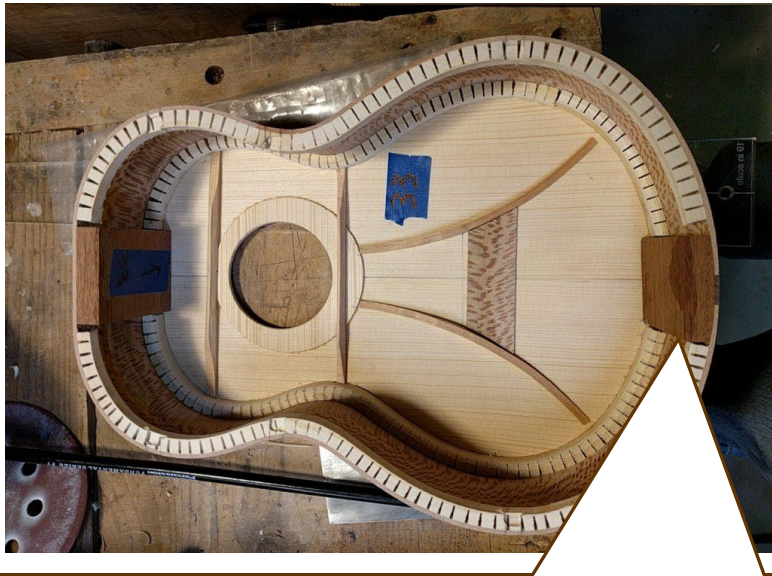


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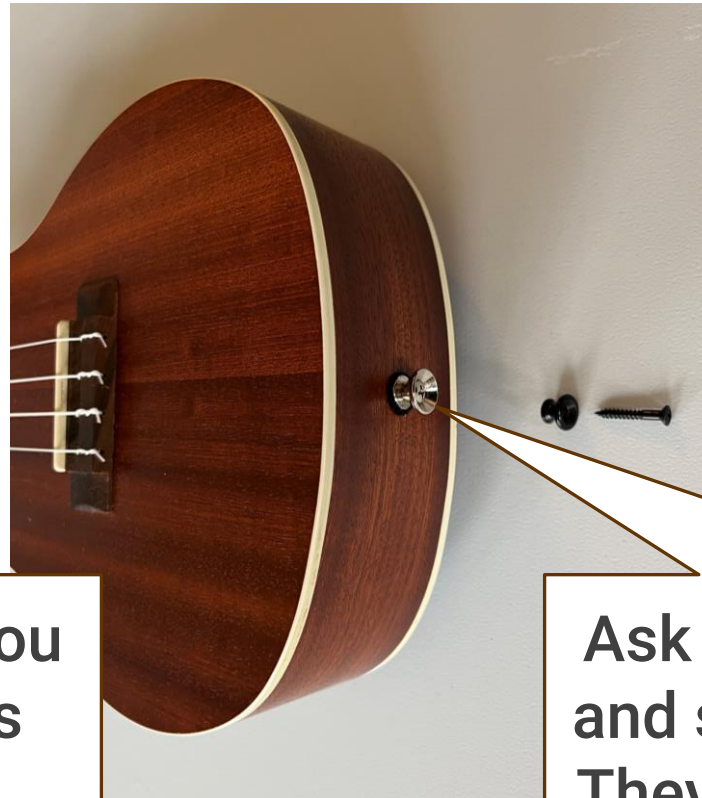
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Step 2: Install A Button



Ask music store to look if you have a wood block like this inside your ukulele.



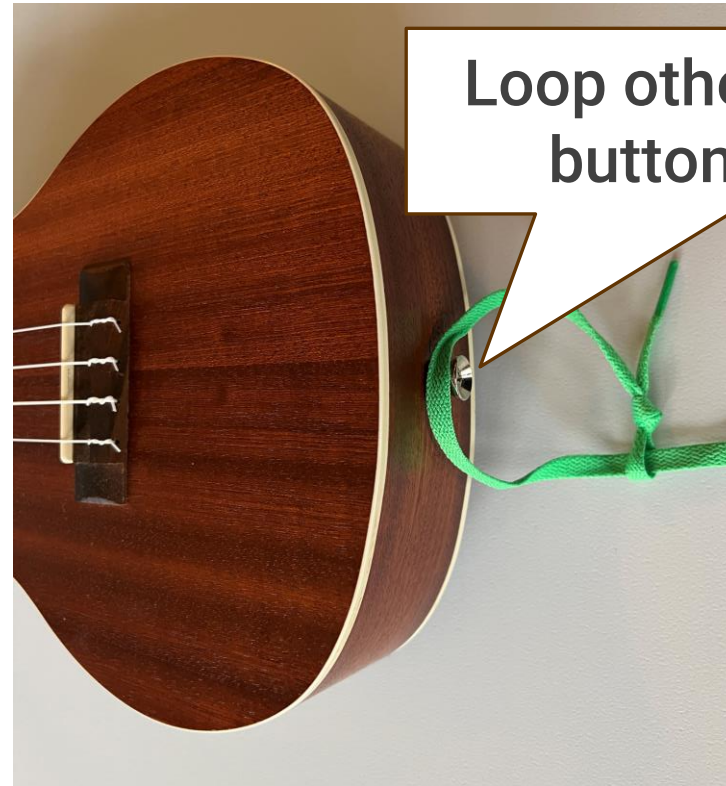
Ask music store to drill a hole and screw in a button like this. They come in black & chrome.



Step 3: Form Secondary Loops



Thread one lace under the uke's strings, around the HEAD, to form a secondary loop as shown.



Loop other lace around button as shown.

Step 4: Pull Secondary Loops Snug

Ensure lace is under strings.

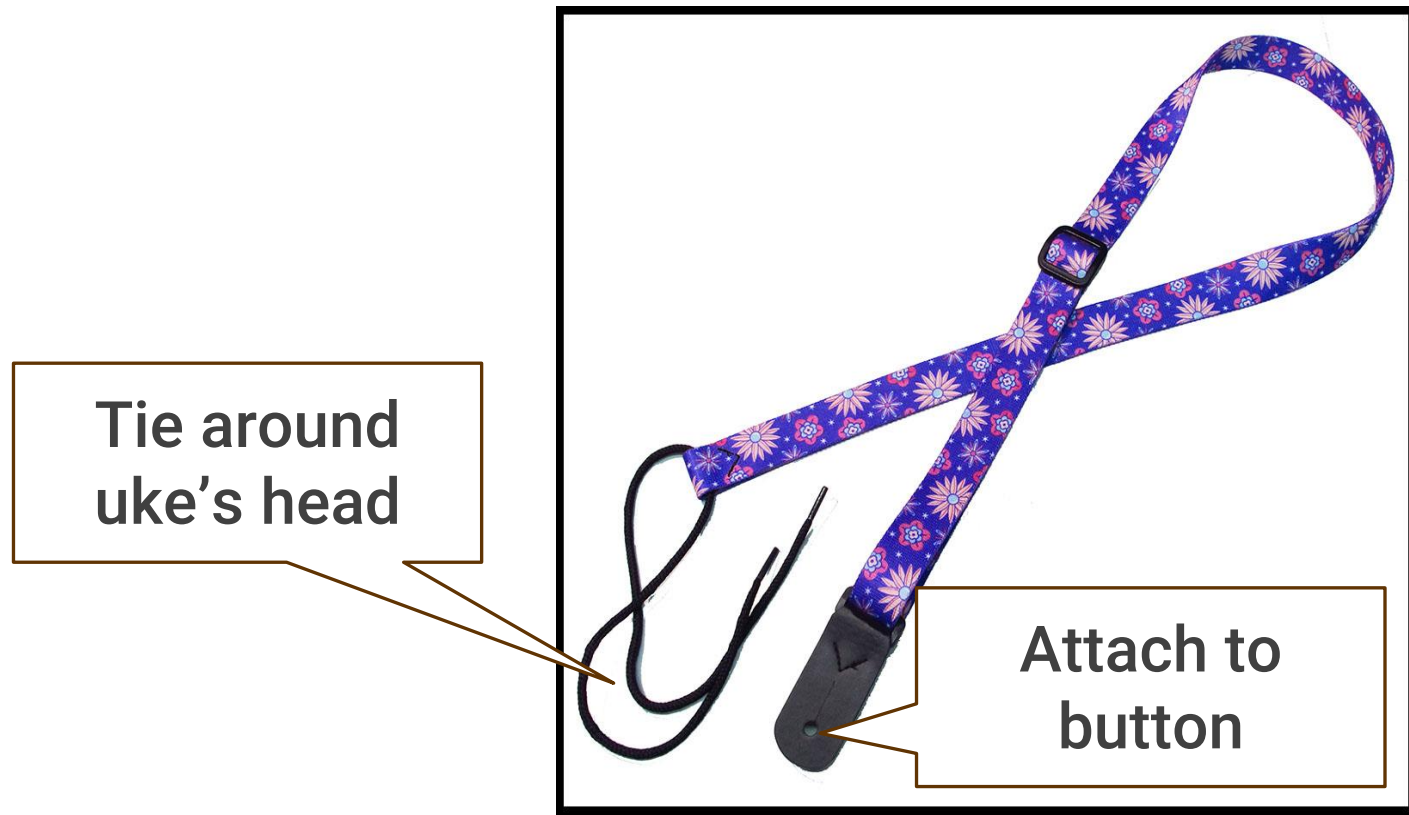


Step 5: Tie Laces Together

Tie remaining ends of laces together, selecting an overall length to fit you.



Step 6: Optional Mandolin Strap



Tie around uke's head

Attach to button