

# BEGINNER FLUTE

## *A Buyer's Guide*

### ***Consider your budget***

Even if your budget is low, I would caution against buying \$100 flutes on Amazon. They are more trouble than they are worth! Decent beginner flutes range between \$800-\$2000.

### ***Material***

Nickel-silver or silver plated are the most common and affordable options, offering a bright and versatile sound. Solid silver provides a warmer, richer tone but is more expensive, and a little bit heavier.

### ***Keys***

Closed-hole flutes are easier to play for beginners. If you opt for a more intermediate model with open-holes, it is a good investment for the future, but be sure to buy a set of plugs.

### ***Offset or Inline?***

Inline is a more traditional key design, but the offset-g option offers flutists a more ergonomically correct playing position, and is an especially good option for a person with smaller hands.

### ***Foot Joint***

A C-foot joint is standard on most beginner, closed-hole flutes. The B-foot joint is more common on intermediate flutes. It adds one extra note to the low range of the flute, but also a bit of weight.

### ***Headjoint***

If you buy a silver-plated flute, consider a solid silver headjoint. This can upgrade the sound quality of the instrument. Also, for young students, consider a curved headjoint for a more comfortable reach to the keys.

### ***Consider the future***

If you plan to continue playing, investing in a higher-quality instrument may be worthwhile. If you're unsure about your commitment, a more affordable option can be a good starting point.

### ***Accessories***

When you purchase a new flute, remember to buy a polishing cloth, and a lightweight cleaning cloth for the inside of the flute. A music stand and tuner are also helpful!

***Beginner brands to consider: Yamaha, Azumi, Pearl & Trevor James***

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### *Quick Links for Starter Flute Options*

[Yamaha Beginner flute - C-foot, closed-hole, offset-g](#)

[Yamaha Intermediate flute - B-foot, open-hole, inline-g, gold lip plate](#)

[Azumi Intermediate flute - Altus headjoint, B-foot, open-hole, offset-g](#)

[Trevor James Beginner flute - C-foot, closed-hole, offset-g, curved and straight headjoint option](#)

[Trevor James Intermediate Chanson flute - B-foot, open-hole, offset-g option](#)

[Curved Headjoint Option](#)

[Plugs for an Open-hole flute](#)

[Cleaning Cloth for the Flute Interior or Exterior](#)

[Portable Sturdy Music Stand](#)

[Simple Korg Tuner](#)

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