

Types of Guitar

Steel String

Steel string acoustic guitars are more often used in rock, country, blues and also in folk music. The sound of this guitar is much brighter and louder than a nylon string acoustic and generally is more suited to strumming chords or playing with a guitar pick than the nylon string guitar.



Nylon

The nylon string or classical guitar is traditionally used in classical, flamenco and folk music. The sound of this guitar is much more mellow and rounded than a steel string acoustic and tends to sound better played with the finger tips verses being played with a pick.



Electric

Electric guitars work through the vibrations of the steel strings being transmitted to the pickups on the instrument then onto a guitar amplifier creating the sound. This allows for electric guitars to be very loud with their volume only being limited by the power or size of the amp. Electric guitars are easier to play than steel string acoustics as the string gauge (thickness) is smaller. It allows guitarists in guitar solos to bend the strings easier which is essential for playing blues and most modern rock guitar.

