

# Restoration of Old Violins Part Four: Resetting the Neck

Resetting the neck of a violin is a major repair that can be necessary for a variety of reasons, including a broken neck, a warped neck, or a neck that is out of alignment with the body of the violin. While it is a challenging repair, it is one that can be performed by a skilled violin maker or repairer.



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In this article, I will provide a detailed guide to resetting the neck of an old violin. I will cover everything from the tools and materials you will need to the step-by-step instructions for performing the repair.

### Tools and Materials

- Violin neck
- Violin body
- Violin glue

- Clamps
- Sandpaper
- Violin reamer
- Violin peg
- Violin string

## Step-by-Step Instructions

1. **Remove the old neck from the body of the violin.** To do this, carefully cut the glue joint between the neck and the body using a sharp knife. Once the glue joint has been cut, you can gently pry the neck off of the body.
2. **Prepare the neck for resetting.** Once the neck has been removed, you will need to prepare it for resetting. This involves removing the old glue from the neck and the body, and sanding the surfaces of the neck and body to create a smooth surface for gluing.
3. **Apply glue to the neck and body.** Once the neck and body have been prepared, you can apply glue to the surfaces that will be joined together. Be sure to apply a thin, even layer of glue to both surfaces.
4. **Reattach the neck to the body.** Once the glue has been applied, you can reattach the neck to the body. To do this, carefully align the neck with the body and press the two pieces together. Once the neck is in place, you can clamp it to the body to hold it in place while the glue dries.
5. **Allow the glue to dry completely.** Once the neck has been reattached to the body, you will need to allow the glue to dry

completely. This can take several hours or even days, depending on the type of glue that you are using.

6. **Check the alignment of the neck.** Once the glue has dried completely, you should check the alignment of the neck. To do this, you can string the violin and check the distance between the strings and the fingerboard. The strings should be parallel to the fingerboard and the distance between the strings should be even.
7. **Make any necessary adjustments.** If the alignment of the neck is not correct, you can make any necessary adjustments by sanding the neck or the body. Be sure to make small adjustments at a time and check the alignment after each adjustment.

Resetting the neck of a violin is a challenging repair, but it is one that can be performed by a skilled violin maker or repairer. By following the step-by-step instructions in this article, you can reset the neck of your old violin and restore it to its former glory.



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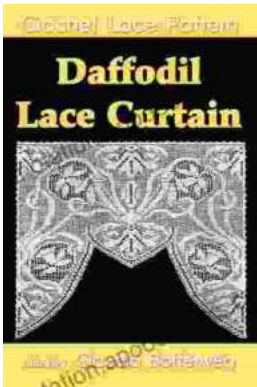
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