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Step 3: De-tune the strings until slack. Release the string locks on the bridge saddles and remove the strings. Be careful not to misplace any loose parts, floating bridges, nuts, or other hardware.



After the strings have been removed is a perfect opportunity to clean and polish your guitar (see pages 68–81).

Step 3: “Lock” the string by bringing the loose end over the capstan toward the center of the headstock and looping it under the captured string between the nut and the capstan.



Step 4: Next, bend the string up and back toward the middle of the neck.

