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Model: Focketyfwidug48zh

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Fockety 3-String Dulcimer Guitar. This instrument is crafted from high-quality spruce and mahogany, designed to produce a balanced and resonant tone. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, maintenance, and care of your dulcimer guitar to ensure a long-lasting and enjoyable musical experience.

Offering a balanced and moderate tone with more overtone coloring for a woody character and sound.



Figure 1: Front view of the Fockety 3-String Dulcimer Guitar.

2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- **Unique Sound Profile:** Constructed from spruce and mahogany, this dulcimer offers a balanced and moderate tone with rich overtones, contributing to a distinct woody character.
- **3-String Configuration:** Features a specific 3-string design with a winding string at the top, a flat string in the center, and two consistently tuned flat strings at the bottom, producing a clear and beautiful sound.
- **Compact and Portable Design:** Its small size and light weight make it convenient for transport and playing in various settings. A storage bag is included for easy carrying and protection.
- **Enhanced Playability:** Engineered for ease of use, this dulcimer provides a smooth playing experience suitable for various musical genres and playing styles, including strumming and picking.



3 Strings Design

Winding strings at the top, flat strings in the center, and two consistently tuned flat strings at the bottom.

Figure 2: Detail of the 3-string design on the dulcimer guitar.

3. INCLUDED COMPONENTS

Upon unpacking, please ensure all the following items are present:

- 1 x Fockety Dulcimer Guitar
- 1 x Storage Bag

4. SETUP

4.1 Unpacking and Initial Inspection

Carefully remove the dulcimer guitar from its packaging. Inspect the instrument for any signs of damage that may have occurred during shipping. If you find any damage, please contact customer support immediately.

4.2 Tuning

The dulcimer guitar will require tuning before its first use and periodically thereafter. While specific tuning

instructions may vary based on desired musical style, a common tuning for a 3-string dulcimer is D-A-D (from lowest to highest string). Use a digital tuner for accuracy. Gently turn the tuning pegs to adjust the string tension until the desired pitch is reached. Be careful not to overtighten the strings, as this can cause them to break or damage the instrument.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Holding the Instrument

Hold the dulcimer guitar comfortably across your lap or against your body. The neck should extend away from you, allowing easy access to the strings with your fretting hand (if applicable) and the soundboard for strumming or picking.

5.2 Playing Techniques

The Fockety dulcimer guitar can be played using various techniques:

- **Strumming:** Use a pick or your fingers to strum across the strings, producing chords or rhythmic patterns.
- **Picking:** Pluck individual strings to create melodies or arpeggios.
- **Fretting:** While traditional dulcimers often use a noter, this guitar-style dulcimer allows for fretting the strings against the fretboard to change pitch. Experiment with different finger positions to discover various notes and chords.



Figure 3: Example of the dulcimer guitar being played.

6. MAINTENANCE

6.1 Cleaning

Wipe down the instrument with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth after each use to remove fingerprints, dust, and sweat. For a deeper clean, use a guitar-specific polish sparingly on the finished wood surfaces, avoiding the fretboard unless it is also finished.

6.2 String Care

Strings should be replaced periodically, typically every few months depending on usage, or when they sound dull, corroded, or become difficult to tune. When replacing strings, change them one at a time to maintain tension on the neck and bridge.

6.3 Storage and Humidity

Store the dulcimer guitar in its included storage bag when not in use to protect it from dust and minor impacts. Avoid exposing the instrument to extreme temperatures or humidity fluctuations, as this can cause the wood to warp or

crack. Ideal storage conditions are typically between 40-50% relative humidity and temperatures between 65-75°F (18-24°C).

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Poor Sound Quality / Dull Tone:** Check if the strings are old or corroded. Replace them if necessary. Ensure the instrument is properly tuned.
- **Buzzing Strings:** This can be caused by improper string height (action), worn frets, or incorrect fretting technique. If the issue persists after checking your technique, professional adjustment may be required.
- **Difficulty Staying in Tune:** New strings often stretch and require frequent tuning initially. Ensure tuning pegs are securely holding the strings. Extreme temperature changes can also affect tuning stability.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Fockety
Model Number	Focketyfwidug48zh
Top Material	Spruce
Back & Body Material	Mahogany
Number of Strings	3
String Material Type	Metal alloys and nylon
Finish Type	Lacquered or Varnished
Color	Brown
Operation Mode	Manual

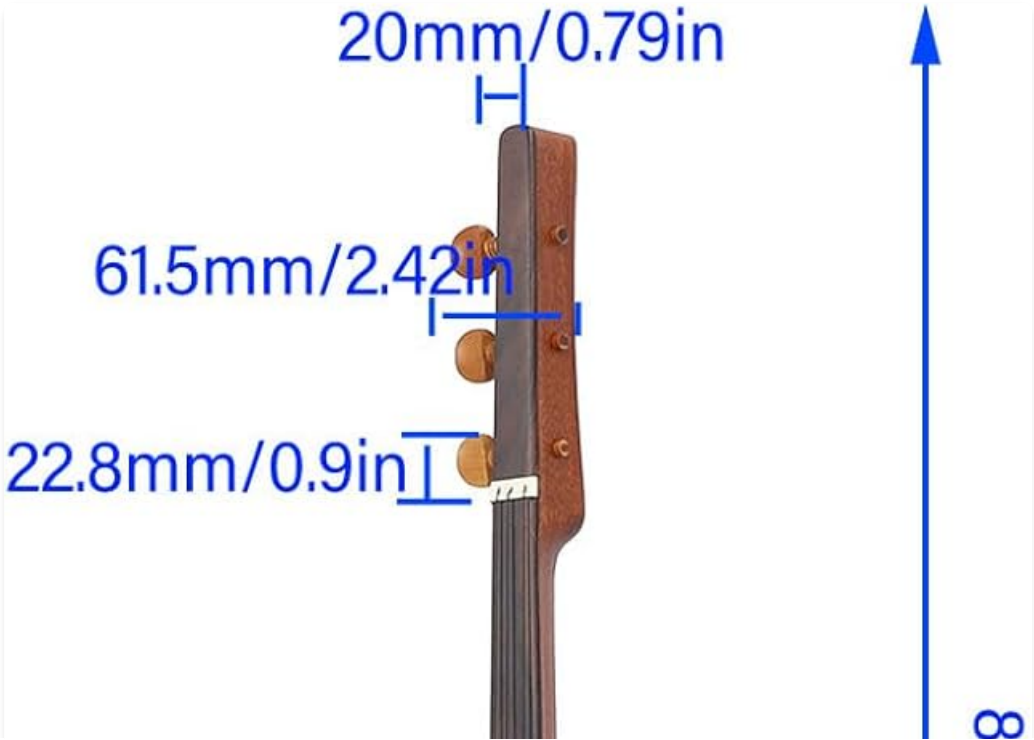




Figure 4: Dimensions of the dulcimer guitar.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

9.1 Manufacturer's Warranty

This Fockety Dulcimer Guitar is covered by a manufacturer's warranty for 90 days from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. It does not cover damage caused by misuse, accidents, unauthorized modifications, or normal wear and tear.

9.2 Customer Support

For any questions, concerns, or warranty claims, please contact our customer support. Please have your purchase details and model number (Focketyfwidug48zh) ready when contacting support.

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