

How to Hold the Violin

Feet Apart ... I Can Play the Violin!



Here is a tune to sing whilst you bring the violin into playing position.
Try it without the violin first!

Find the pitch of the D and the A, the middle two strings, before you start. Or, check it on a keyboard or pitch app.

D D D	A A A A	D D DD D	A A A
Feet a - part, ssh!	Stop the traf - fic,	on your collar bone,	drop your chin, ssh!
D D DD D	A A A	A A A A	D D D
Right thumb in the air,	shoo-ting star, ssh!	I can play the	vi - o - lin, ssh!
A A A A	D D D	A A A A	D D D
A A A A	D D D ssh!	A A A A	D D D ssh!

Now, follow along with these actions, to get your violin into playing position!

Start by picking up the violin...

Hold the top of the body with your left hand, and the bottom with your right hand.

Feet Apart:

Position your feet slightly apart, then hold the violin out in front of you with both hands.

Stop the Traffic:

Stretch the violin forward with left hand only, as if a police officer is stopping the traffic!

On Your Collar Bone:

Feel for your collar bone with your right hand and bring the violin up to rest on it.

Drop Your Chin:

Drop your head slightly onto the chin rest.

Right Thumb in the Air:

Raise your right arm, and point your right thumb in the air.

Shooting Star:

Bring the thumb down to the corner of the fingerboard and wave your fingers freely.

I Can Play the Violin:

Then pluck the strings ... **AAAA DDD ssh! AAAA DDD ssh!**