

Backyard Music Cardboard Dulcimers

If you are interested in taking the workshop “Build Your own Cardboard Dulcimer”, here is the info about the dulcimer kits that participants in this workshop will need to order

The kits we will be ordering are “Workshop-Ready” kits, with pre-painted cardboard bodies and fretboards made of ash which have been sanded and finished with Watco natural oil. Holes will have been pre-drilled for the screws for the tuners and the anchor nails for attaching the strings. The frets are pre-installed, and include a 6½ fret.

You have a choice of four colors: Red, Green, Purple, or Blue.

What you will need to do is:

- Attach the tuners with screw drivers (provided by George)
- Hammer in the anchor nails for the strings
- Glue the fretboard to the cardboard body, and let the glue dry.
- Attach the strings (we’ll help you with that)
- Tune the strings and your dulcimer will be ready to play!



The cost for each kit, including the “extra” 6½ fret is \$68. (No tax for kits in our group order.)

This is the price per kit if we order 5 or fewer kits. (If we order 6 or more kits, the price drops to \$58.50, and we will refund the difference when you arrive at the festival.)

Kits must be preordered, and orders must be received by Feb. 22. Checks should be made out to Dulcimer Association of Albany, and we will send a check to Backyard Music for the total amount for all kits ordered.

You can of course, order a kit from Backyard Music yourself, but you will have to pay for the shipping and allow for shipping time for them to arrive. You will find complete info about placing an individual order on their web site: https://www.etsy.com/shop/BackyardMusic?ref=shop_sugg

(We have arranged for one of our workshop leaders to pick them up and bring them to the festival to make sure we get them in time, and also to avoid having to pay for the shipping.)

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