



# How to Care for the French Horn

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| <b>Age Range:</b>        | Late Elementary, Middle School  |
| <b>About:</b>            | Students will demonstrate proper care and technique when assembling their instrument and putting it away. |
| <b>Total Video Time:</b> | 3:08  |

## INTRODUCTION

Horn player Alex Henton will walk you through the basics of putting together your French Horn and taking care of it.

[Click here](#) to play the video. (Video approx. 3 minutes)

## STEP-BY-STEP instructions

- Take the instrument out of its case.
- Put the mouthpiece in the horn.
- Give the mouthpiece a small quarter turn. Don't apply too much force!
- apply a light oil to the gaps in the rotors, arm joints, and springs, slides to keep them from getting sticky.
- After practicing, empty the water that collects from playing the horn.
- Clean your mouthpiece using the mouthpiece brush and store it in its pouch.
- Swab the main lead pipe section as needed to keep it clean.
- Return the instrument to its case.
- Every couple of weeks, take off the valve caps and apply a little oil.

[Print this](#) and keep it in your case or band folder!