

How to Care for the Oboe

BEGINNING BAND

How to Assemble & Care for your Oboe

- Soak your reed in a small cup while you put your oboe together.
- Take out the bell and the bottom joint and twist them together. Line up the keys so nothing bends or breaks.
- Next, put on the top joint.
- Check to see if your reed is soaked enough to play. This typically takes a couple minutes. Make a "crow" (reed sound) to make sure the reed is ready.
- Fit the reed into the top joint, and you're ready to play.
- After practicing, carefully put away your reed.
- Swap the instrument before taking it apart.
- Disassemble the oboe in reverse order and put each piece away.
- Make sure you have at least 2 reeds in case one stops working!