

# FLUTE TIPS

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## ASSEMBLING THE INSTRUMENT

- ▶ Use a gentle twisting motion to attach the foot joint and the body, lining up the rod of the foot joint with the center of the last key on the body.
- ▶ Use a gentle twisting motion to insert the head joint into the body, lining up the embouchure hole with the tone holes on the body.
- ▶ Take care not to bend the G# key up or down during assembly.

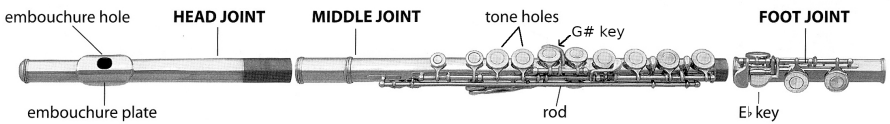


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## CARE & MAINTENANCE

- ▶ Avoid eating or drinking (anything other than water) immediately before or while playing the instrument, or brush your teeth first.
- ▶ Use a cleaning rod and swab to remove moisture from inside the instrument when you are done playing.
- ▶ If the crown on the end of the flute spins or falls off, screw it back on just until it is snug; if you continue twisting beyond the snug point, it can move the head cork and make the instrument play out of tune.
- ▶ If the flute becomes difficult to assemble, take a tissue and wipe the inside and outside of each tenon (the place where the pieces connect). Avoid using grease or lubricants, as these will only attract dirt.
- ▶ Do NOT put silver polish on the instrument.
- ▶ Avoid setting the flute anywhere it could be sat on or stepped on.
- ▶ Store the instrument in its case when not in use.
- ▶ Send the instrument to the Ellis Music repair shop at least once a year for routine maintenance.



## HELPFUL ITEMS TO HAVE

- Cleaning rod
- Swab
- Polishing cloth
- Flute stand

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