



## Felt Changing Tips

### Tools for Changing Felt Tips:

- Felt
- Screw Driver
- Pencil/Marker
- Razer Blade or Exacto Knife



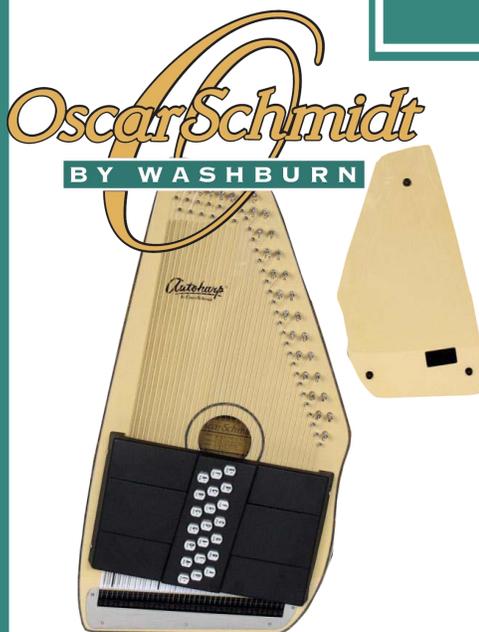
**CAUTION: PLEASE WEAR EYE PROTECTION WHEN REMOVING OR INSTALLING STRINGS!**

### Steps:

- Remove the bar cover from your autoharp by removing the screws.
- Take a picture of the arrangement of the bars for your autoharp so you know how to put them back together OR as you take the bars out of the autoharp lay them out in order out of the way.
- Once the bars are taken off, use the marker or pencil to mark on the bar itself where the cuts in the felt are.
- Turn the bar so that the felt is facing upward, using the knife strip away the felt from the metal of the bar.
- It is important to note that the bars do not have to be residue free but they must be level, so you only have to strip off enough of the left behind residue for the bar to be level.
- Now you are ready to apply the new felt. For this it is best to run the felt between your finger and your thumb and pinch the bar with the same two fingers so that the felt does not run off the edge of the bar and bump into other bars.

- For your Oscar Schmidt bars it is important to let the felt hang off the ends of the bar about  $\frac{1}{8}$  of an inch. This will keep the bar from moving side to side while you are playing it.
- Now to get the air bubbles out, use the edge of a table and a little pressure to squeeze out all the air bubbles in the felt. Drag the felt side of the bar across the edge of the table two or three times. This may rough up the surface of the felt but that is okay, it will help with the breaking in process.
- Place the bar you are working with back in the correct place in the autoharp and mark the location of the cord on the felt itself. These should line up with the pencil or marker marks from earlier but this is just to double check.
- Once once it is checked, cut a “V” notch in the felt approximately 1/16 inch at the top on each side of the mark and the bottom of the V needs to be exactly where the mark is.
- Be sure to keep the knife perpendicular to the bar itself to ensure that the mark is in the correct place.
- Now put all the bars back on your autoharp and test them.
- After they are tested reassemble the bar cover on your autoharp and you are ready to play with fresh felt.

### OS11021FGIE Electric AutoHarp Gloss Rose



This 21 Chord AutoharpStore.com Exclusive features a basswood finish on both the front and back, and plays in eleven different keys. This autoharp can be played either acoustically or electrically by plugging it into an amp. The exclusive line of Oscar Schmidt autoharps was designed around the autoharp player. The OS11021FGIE is designed to be reminiscent of the southern music heritage. This line of autoharps is exclusive to the AutoharpStore.com and was only produced for a short period of time. The Oscar Schmidt OS11021FGIE features basswood on the front and back of the interment and a beautiful butterscotch rose finish. The color of this instrument was taken straight from the rose that bears its name.