

# Belly

The belly is the top of the instrument containing the sound holes. It is always made of coniferous wood, usually spruce. ([See here](#))

This wood, which is so important for the sound, is used for almost all such instruments, whether string instrument, plucked instrument or keyboard instrument. The belly of a string instrument is usually made out of two parts that have been worked out of one piece of whole wood. The bellies of violins are fitted with f-holes while [c-holes](#) are fitted into the belly of the gambas. On the inside of the string instrument, a so-called [bass bar](#) is attached under the low string for support.

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