

## Bassoon Reed Tools

Tools for adjusting store-bought reeds:

- Holding Mandrel—for holding the reed while working on it
- Plaque (preferably plastic)—for inserting between the blades of the reed while working on them
- Reed Knife—for scraping the blade
- Short needle nose Pliers (with wire cutter built in)—for forming and adjusting throat and tip and tightening wires
- Wire Clippers or a cutting block and straight knife—for clipping the tip of the reed. **Do not cut wire with these!!!**
- Reamer (spiral)—for adjusting the bocal end of the reed
- Wet/Dry Sandpaper (300 or higher)—for making small adjustments to the blade

Tools for making reeds (in addition to those listed above)

- Forming mandrel—for forming the throat
- Brass wire-- .22 gauge for holding the reed blades together
- Reed thread or cross-stitch thread—for making the reed wrapping
- DUCO cement or clear nail polish—for sealing the thread
- Exacto knife (I prefer a curved blade)—for cutting the shoulder of the reed and making small adjustments to the blade
- Cotton twine or string—for holding the blades in place while forming the throat
- Small ruler (must have centimeters/millimeters) —to measure wire placement

Items not crucial but nice to have for reed making:

- Drying rack—for holding the reeds upright while drying
- Needle Files (flat, round, triangular)—for making small adjustments to the blade, shoulder, and throat

Dream List:

- Reed Tip Cutter

Places to buy these items:

[www.forrestsmusic.com](http://www.forrestsmusic.com)

[www.millermarketingco.com](http://www.millermarketingco.com)

[www.charlesmusic.com](http://www.charlesmusic.com)

[www.wbw.com](http://www.wbw.com)

[www.mmimports.com](http://www.mmimports.com)

[www.rdgwoodwinds.com](http://www.rdgwoodwinds.com)