

Ordering a 24, 26 or 28-string LAP Harp

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Frequently asked questions...

What's the difference between a 26 and 28-string LAP Harp?



26-LAP (cherry, right), 28-Bass LAP (walnut, left)



Back View: 26-LAP (right), 28-Bass LAP (left)

The 26-LAP Harp starts at a Low C (an octave below middle C), whereas the 28-Bass LAP Harp starts four notes lower at a Low F. The body (sound chamber) of both harps is the same size, but the pillar is 3" longer on the 28-Bass LAP (and the neck is an inch longer). See order form for current prices.

Is there a difference in price between regular or figured walnut and cherry?



Most of our LAP Harps are made of local cherry or walnut wood (which has some character and light variations (regular walnut wood is now an extra cost. However, figured wood like the one shown to the left (a 28-Bass LAP made of figured walnut) will have lots more knots and swirls. This harp also has a special walnut burl veneer on the front sound board. So all figured woods; such as figured walnut, cherry or figured maple will have an additional fee (because the wood is more expensive for us to purchase). **See order form for prices.**

What other specialty woods are used to make this harp?



26-LAP made of African Mahogany

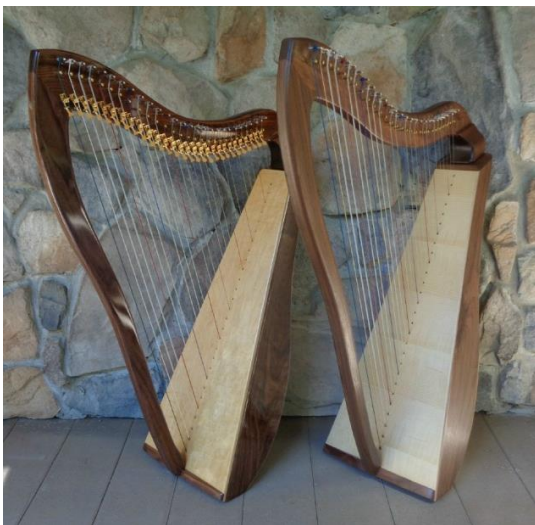


26-LAP made of Padauk wood.

(This wood starts off bright red when new, and then it darkens into a dark reddish/brown color)

We usually use either walnut or cherry (because they are the lightest weight woods), but we can also make these harps in exotic woods such as African mahogany or Padauk (for an extra fee).

What kind of finish do you use on the LAP Harps?



**Shown above in high-gloss (left) vs. semi-gloss (right)
There is an extra fee, so check the order form for prices.**

New! The Celtic LAP Harp!



If you love the sound of our 26-LAP Harp, but would like the look of a Celtic Harp, then this harp is for you! It has the same body as our 26-LAP harp but a different neck and pillar in a Celtic style.

Shown (left) in natural cherry with a semi-gloss finish for (high-gloss would be an extra fee). The harp is sitting in a collapsible matching wooden stand (see order form for prices).

28-Celtic Bass LAP is now available!

What is different about the 24-Therapy LAP Harp?

Our new 24-string Therapy LAP Harp looks a lot like our regular 26-LAP Harp (and starts at low C, but it is a bit smaller and lighter in weight. We make it with a combination of cherry and paulownia wood so it only weighs 5 pounds and 3 ounces. This is perfect for those who go to hospitals to play for the sick because you can play it standing it with a strap and it is not heavy on you.



Front view (with optional stand)



Back view (with optional stand)

Can I add hand-carvings to the 24, 26 or 28-string LAP Harp?



Hand-carved Rose



Hand-carved Dove
(we now place it on top of an overlay)



Side Swirl Carving

For more ideas on hand-carvings, go to our website and click onto "Hand Carvings" which is located under the Regency Harps. We can do specialty carvings to personalize your harp, but the price will increase depending on how much detail is in the carving.

See order form for prices.

What kind of levers are available for the 26 or 28-string LAP Harp?



Gold Truitt Levers

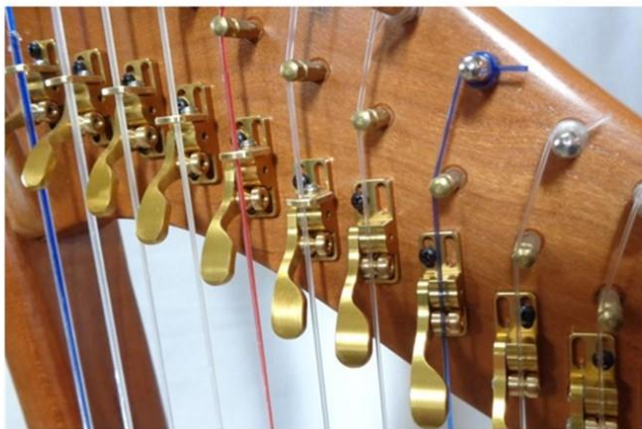


Silver Rees Levers

Note: You can get a full set of levers or partial (such as C+F's or C,F+B)

For prices see order form.

We can also put blue and red Bands on the C+F's on the gold Forte and silver Rees levers. The Forte also provide red and blue levers for the C+F's upon request.



Shown Above: Gold Forte Levers

Silver Forte Levers are also available

Can I add a Mic Pick-up?

Yes, we can add a mic pick-up which includes K&K Big-Twin transducers added to the inside of the front sound board, and a metal jack on either the right or left side (bottom) of the harp.

See order form for the price.

Is there a matching stand for this style harp?



Wooden Collapsible Stand:
(semi-gloss finish)
(high-gloss finish is extra)



We now make a new style of a
LAP stand with a straight back.
High-gloss would be extra.
**Note: other woods like walnut or
exotic ones like Padauk is extra.**



Wood Floor Stand
High-Gloss (is extra)

The floor stand can be used with small
children or as a display stand)

Where can I get a padded case?



You can purchase padded cases directly
from us, if we have them in stock.
Otherwise there are three case makers that
you can order from (info for this is available
on our website on the first harp page at the
bottom ... just click onto the picture that
says "Harp Cases").
Color options are: black, maroon,
purple, royal blue (shown left) & navy.
Note: All cases that are made by Emily
come with embroidered Marini Made Harps
on the pocket, unless you specify other

Where can I get extra strings...

We will give you an extra set of regular nylon strings and a tuning wrench with the purchase of
your harp. If you would like an extra set of the special low wound strings, they can be
purchased directly from us (see order form for prices).

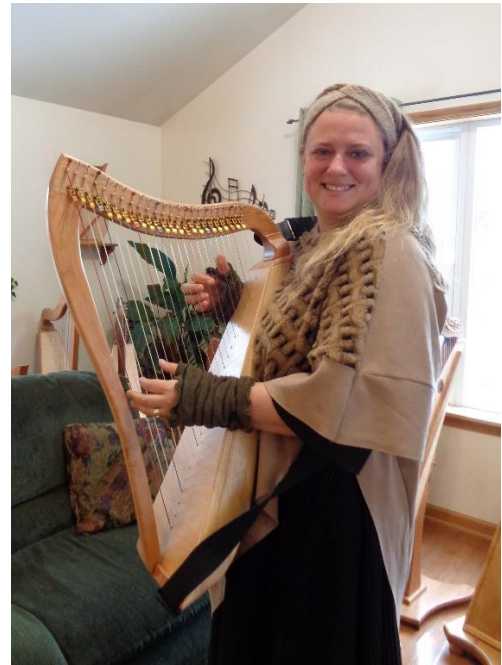
What type of electronic tuner do you recommend?



ENO ET-3000A Electronic Tuner

If you want to change the frequency from 440 to 432 or something different, then you'd want to get the ENO ET-3000A (shown above), so that you can change it with the arrow buttons.

Can I add a strap to this harp?



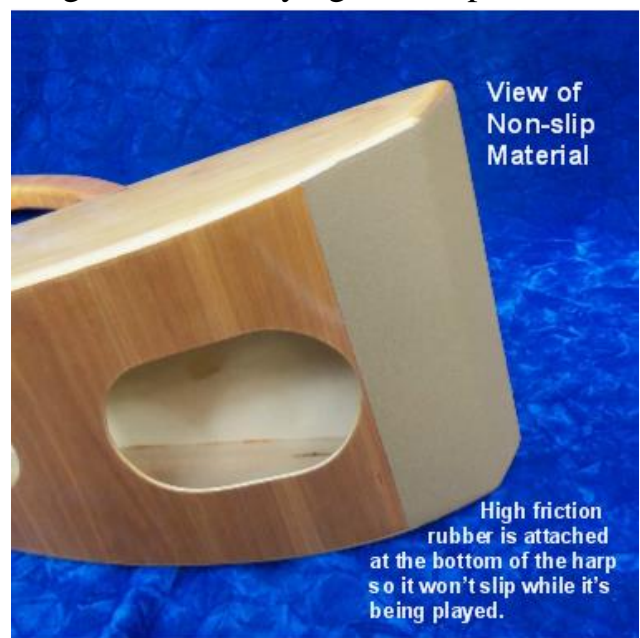
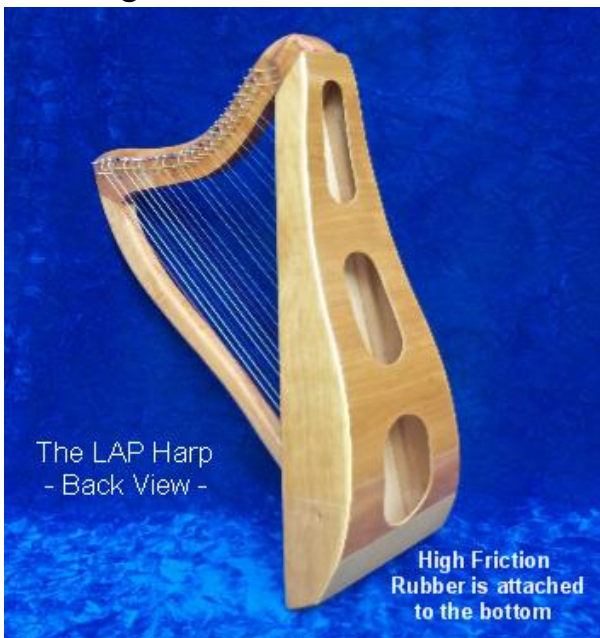
We will put a strap on the LAP harp for an additional cost. If you already have a strap, and want just the knobs, then it would be less. See the order form for prices.

What comes with the purchase of a 24, 26 or 28-string LAP Harp?

High-Friction Rubber...

One special feature that comes with the 24, 26 and 28-string LAP harps is the non-skid rubber on the bottom of the harp, which allows you to play the harp on your lap without it sliding off.

We gave it the name "LAP" because you can **Lounge Around Playing** this harp.



How do you receive payment?

Since we are a small family business, we can only take credit cards (through PayPal) at this time for small harps (we would add PayPal's service fee to your total). Our U.S. customers send us either a personal check or a bank money order made payable to Marini Made Harps. For international customers, after your order is confirmed we would email you an invoice through PayPal for small harps, or send our special bank information for payment for larger harps...where you would wire your payment directly to our special account that we have set up for a small additional fee). So, first you would email us your request with the order form filled out, and then we will email you back an invoice with everything listed and a final total. Once this is done, then we would proceed with your harp order. If the harp you want is available, then we would ship the harp to you once we receive payment. If we still need to make the harp, then we will notify you about 1 to 2 weeks before completion so that you can mail (or wire) us your payment.

Thank you for your interest in our LAP harp... we hope that we can serve you!

The Marini Family