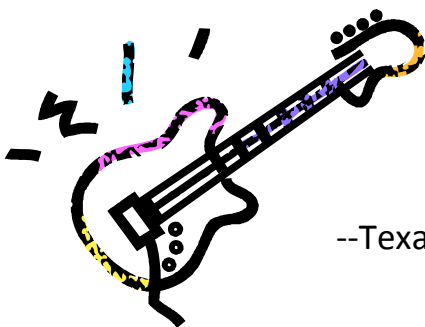


Initial Career Steps:

- Decide what sorts of instruments you will specialize in making and/or repairing. You could choose one specific instrument or a range of instruments. It is helpful to have experience with woodworking, metalwork, and welding; however, it is not necessary if you are just starting out.
- Some musical instrument makers and repairers may be employed by musical instrument manufacturers and retailers, however most work alone in either a home based or small business environment. Business success in musical instrument making and repair, like all enterprises, depends as much on sales skills and customer service as on craft skills, and therefore some business skills training might be of benefit.
- Musical instrument makers and repairers should:
 - # have an interest in music
 - # ideally be able to play instruments
 - # have good hand-eye coordination
 - # be able to work to a high level of accuracy
 - # be able to make mathematical calculations

Local Resources:



--The Musical Instrument Makers Forum:
<http://www.mimf.com/>

--Guitar Repair Classes:
<http://www.austinguitarrepair.com/>

--Texas Music Office's List of Local Musical Instrument Businesses:
<http://governor.state.tx.us/music/directory/instruments>

--National Association of Professional Band Instrument Repair Technicians:
<http://www.napbirt.org>