

Dr. Braun's guide to VIOLIN/VIOLA CHINRESTS

There are many different styles of chinrests. Some are center-mounted over the tailpiece, others are side mounted. They are made out of various woods, including ebony (black), boxwood (medium brown), rosewood (reddish-brown) or plastic. I prefer wood over plastic, as I find wood be more comfortable on the skin of the player's neck.

Chinrests come in different heights and shapes. The examples of chinrests in this document are of medium height with a flat lip. For most students, these styles are probably more comfortable than either very flat or very high chinrests. I have provided examples of different chinrests from two vendors, for your information. You can purchase a chinrest from the vendor of your choice.

VIOLA CHINRESTS: Basically the same as a violin chinrest, just a little larger and a couple of dollars more. The models described in this document (Guarneri, Dresden, Vermeer, Kaufman) are also appropriate for violas. Make sure you request the "viola" size instead of the "violin" size if the viola is more than 14" in size. For 13" violas, order a ¾ size violin chinrest. For 14" violas, order a 4/4 size violin chinrest

Here is an example from **Amazon.com**



Guarneri 4/4 Violin Chinrest - Ebony with Standard Bracket

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- Guarneri-style
- Ebony - crafted from the finest Indian woods
- Standard bracket
- Center mount
- Fits 4/4 Violin

Examples from swstrings.com

Ebony Chinrests ITEM: GP-CR3EF From \$14.35



Guarneri, ebony, over tailpiece mount



Dresden, ebony, side mount



Kaufman, ebony, side mount
(not over tailpiece)



Vermeer, ebony, side mount