How to Build a Guitar

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Focus Question

What are the steps for building a guitar?

Words to Know

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design	sands
effort	traces

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Introduction

A guitar can be made
by a machine.
A guitar can also be made
by hand.
When Stephen makes a guitar,
he needs to follow certain steps.

Step 1: Design and Planning

He needs to choose the size
and look of the guitar.
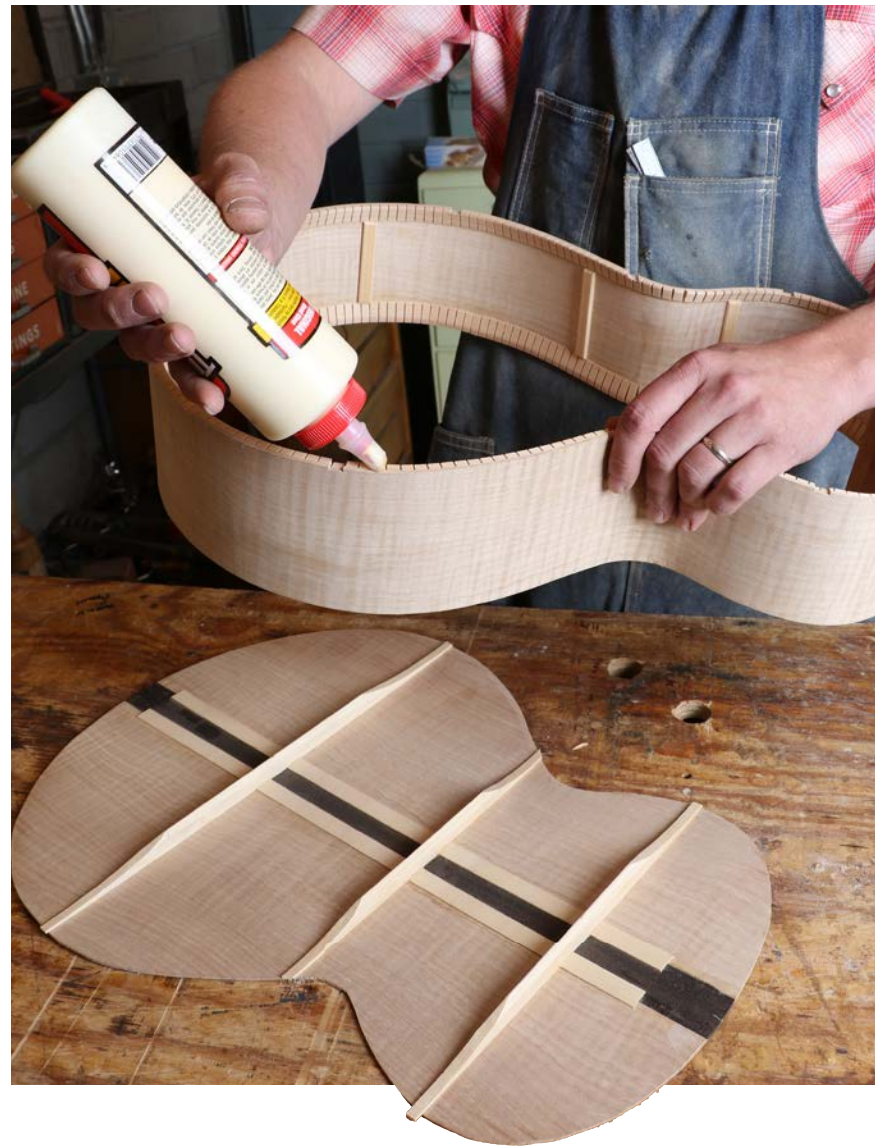Then he plans his design
on paper.

Step 2: Tracing and Cutting

Next, he traces the design
onto wood.
Then he cuts the wood.

Step 3: Bending

Stephen bends the wood for the body of the guitar. He uses steam to help bend the wood.

Step 4: Gluing

Next, he glues the body together.

Step 5: Preparing the Body

He sands the wood to make
it smooth.

Step 6: Attaching the Neck

Next, he glues the neck
to the body.

He uses clamps to hold
the neck in place while
the glue dries.

Step 7: Staining and Buffing

Then, Stephen stains the wood.
Stain changes the color of the
wood and makes it beautiful.
When the wood is dry,
he buffs it to a shine.

Conclusion

Building a guitar takes time
and effort.
Once Stephen has made
one guitar, he wants
to make another!