

Beginning Reedmaking Supply List 2010

RDG

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- RDG mandrel for oboe. (From the home page, go to Oboe Supplies, then to Reed Making Tools and Supplies, then to Mandrels.) \$30.00
- Flat Pointed Plaque (quantity: 3). \$1.55 each
- Medium Billot. \$8.50
- Thread, at least one spool of FF gauge, many colors available. \$7.00
- Beeswax. \$1.50
- Razor blades, box of 100. \$15.50
- French Razor Style Knife. (From Oboe Supplies, go to Knives and Sharpening, then to Knives.) \$40.00
- Combination Arkansas Stone, 6 inch. \$48.00
- Optional: extra staples. RDG **Type II** Oboe Staple, 47mm Brass. \$3.05 each.
- Optional: if you don't already have a reed case, now is the time to buy one to protect and store the reeds that you will be making.

From anywhere:

- Cigarette lighter, for melting beeswax
- Magnet, for preventing the small steel plaque from getting lost
- C-clamp, small size, from hardware store (or just find one in your garage at home)
- Small steel ruler that measures in millimeters. Obtain from me or from a drafting supply store.

<http://www.reedery.com>

- Shaped oboe reed cane. \$2.50 each, available from me at lessons. Practice cane is also available to my students for free on a first come, first served basis.

A word about reedmaking supplies:

These are not the most expensive supplies available, nor are they the cheapest. Cheaper supplies can be obtained at the expense of quality and may add to the difficulties of learning the fine craft of reedmaking. Of greatest importance are the knife, sharpening equipment, mandrel, staples, and shaped cane. Thread, wax, and plaques, etc. are less crucial and can be found at any double reed supplier.

Advanced reedmakers:

Very advanced reedmakers who begin to get picky about their knives (after one to five years of experience making reeds) should try the Reedworks knives and sharpening supplies available at www.reedery.com or at www.rdgwoodwinds.com.

- Knife: \$80.00
- Leather strop: \$45.00
- Diamond paste: \$25.00
- Carbide burnisher: \$30.00