

# Do It Yourself Percussion Repairs

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## Glockenspiel sounds Dead or Dull

Glock just not singing like it used to? Could be a very easy fix If you have the style that the bars rest on a string that rest on a felt. The weight of the bars pushes the string down into the felt. The bar touches the felt and you lose the resonance.

### You will need

Screwdriver

Deep Sea Fishing line.

### The Fix

Remove the bars by removing the screw (if applicable). Remove the string retaining screw at the lower end. Note which way the string is crossing the bar openings, because you want to do the opposite so the string will be on fresh felt. Remove the string. Most hardware string will not work or won't last very long before compressing. The big heavy deep Sea fishing line works the best. Living in Florida I can get the good stuff and usually the bait shop will give it to me for free since it isn't that much in length. The larger shops have bulk line on huge spools and they give you the length you need. If you don't have access to heavy line you might use a lighter gauge and double up the strands. Put everything back together and hear the difference!



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