Upgrade your Violin Bow Technique

10+1 lessons to improve your sound quality on the violin

Lesson 6

Perfect Proportions

How to use this Fun Sheet?

- 1. Watch the video lesson
- 2. Read through this fun sheet

If you don't remember how to do an exercise exactly, rewatch that bit of the video. Put this fun sheet on your music stand (printed or on your phone).

PRACTICE! Do the exercises daily for at least one week.

Review bits of the video and this fun sheet on a regular basis to make sure your practice leads to perfection.

Celebrate and write down your results and go to the next lesson!

What you'll achieve:

By knowing what elements influence the sound you create and balancing them deliberately, you expand your sound palette and play more expressively.

Creating beautiful art is a matter of proportions

What you've learned:

00:17 Elements of tone production

Review the overview on the next page and try them out on your violin.

00:57 5 (and more) Contact points on the violin

Review the graphic on the next page to know where to find them.

01:25 How to pivot your bow (and why)

03:57 5 Ways to play loud and soft (dynamics)

Weight, place on the bow, bow speed, contact point and bow hair. Create different kinds of forte and piano with the different ways to play dynamics.

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Proportions in tone production

02:12 Explanation of this overview

Tone Production on the Violin	Weight	Speed	Contact point	Hair
Lower strings	More	Lower	At the bridge	More
Higher strings	Less	Higher	At the fingerboard	Less
Low positions	Less	Higher	At the fingerboard	More
High positions	More	Lower	At the bridge	Less
At the frog	Less	Higher	At the fingerboard	Less
At the tip	More	Lower	At the bridge	More
Forte	More	Higher	At the bridge	More
Piano	Less	Lower	At the fingerboard	Less

Contact points on the violin

Of course you can do everything in between. Apply them organically.



What you can play with:

Expand your sound palette by experimenting with the proportions you learned in this lesson on open strings, in scales, etudes and/or pieces.

Happy practicing and see you in the next lesson once you've done this exercise daily for AT LEAST one week;).