

Instructions how to draw the outline for your nyckelharpa

1. Take 3 sheets of paper size A3 (approx. 30*40cm). Place them together as shown in the sketch and join them with small pieces of sellotape (ideally as far on the edge as possible so the pencil line of your drawing doesn't meet them). A single sheet in the right size is fine as well.
2. If more than one sheet of paper is used please draw two short lines over the joint. (see red lines in the sketch).
3. Put your instrument right in the middle of the papers. No part of it should stand over.
4. Take a wooden pencil, hold it most upright along the sides of your instrument and encircle it completely taking very well care that the instrument doesn't move. Please also pay special attention to the following details:
 - Mark special points like knobs that are standing over and name those.
 - Also follow the line of the keys as close as possible. Keys should be in ground position so the tangents have max. distance to the strings
 - Take special care that the pencil is absolutely upright even in awkward places like the head, the tail piece and the keys. Don't add any extra space! We'll do that.
5. Note the max. height of your instrument (incl. bridge).
6. If there's anything else you think we should know – make a note.
7. Please also note the length of your bow!
8. Take the sheets of paper carefully apart (e.g. cutting the sellotape with a knife), fold it once and send the papers in a large envelope to us. We'll check the drawing and contact you before your block goes in production. Please don't forget your e-mail-address!

Important: In case the back of your nyckelharpa is not lying flat with its back on the table some long pegs might be the reason. In this case move the nyckelharpa that way that the head is not on the table top anymore. Now it's easy to measure how much longer the pegs are comparing those with the table top. Please also note that.

Digital photos of your instrument might also be helpful!

.....

