

*Wiplstix: Birdseye Maple with Inlay*  
*Changes and Modifications*  
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Bill Wipple 's Wiplstix is a nicely made instrument,perfect for those late night practices,or to bring along when your "real " instrument is too big or fragile to accompany you.Like camping trips, or a holiday already too overloaded with carry-on luggage.The following additions have made playing and using this fiddle even more fun.

While the wood tailpiece is more esthetic,one must take everything apart to change a string.By changing to a Wittner 1/16th tailpiece with built-in string adjusters,changing strings and tuning are both simplified.

The Wiplstix comes with quiet fuzzy buzzy steel strings.By switching to Helicores for G,D,A and an Obligato Gold E,one gains a little volume and a richness in tone surprising for such a small soundbox.

A Kun 1/8th shoulder-rest,works well, with some minor adjustments.



**TOP:**  
*Front with Wittner tailpiece but without the shoulder rest.*

**LEFT:**  
*Back with Kun 1/8th shoulder rest.Walnut inlay and Birdseye Maple easily seen.*