

Getting Started

String length

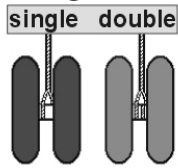
The correct length of the string is from the floor up to the waist of the player when the string is on the finger. Measure the string from the floor to a hand width above the belly button. Tie a loop in the string there and trim off the excess.

Then..make a slip knot for your finger. Push the string through the loop you made and it becomes the slip knot for your finger. Put this loop on the middle finger, between the 1st & 2nd knuckle of your writing hand.

Right side up in your hand

With the yo-yo held in the palm of your hand, the string comes from your finger to the TOP of the yo-yo. Turn the yo-yo over if the string comes to the bottom of the yo-yo.

String setting for beginners

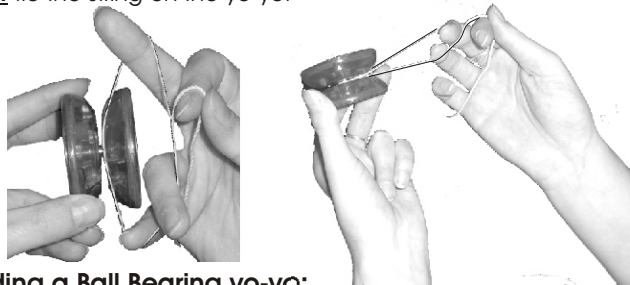


Our yo-yos come with the string looped two or more times around the axle. If you want the yo-yo to do "Sleeper" tricks, untwist the bottom of the string and take the extra wraps off the axle. The yo-yo will then 'sleep'.

In order for the yo-yo to 'Sleep', the string must be single-looped and not twisted tightly or knotted at the bottom. If the yo-yo doesn't sleep when you drop it, the string is wound too tightly or there is something wrong inside at the axle. Open the yo-yo and check for knots or a double loop. If the yo-yo sleeps when you drop it, it will sleep when you throw it, if you are throwing it correctly. The easiest way to get the string adjusted to the proper tightness is to hold the yo-yo and let the string hang loose (not on your finger).

Replacing the string

Unscrew the yo-yo and separate the halves. Make sure that all of the old string is out. **Screw the yo-yo back together again.** Take a new string and install it on the yo-yo by opening the end of the string that doesn't have the knot and slipping the single string loop (more for beginners) over the yo-yo and into the string groove. **Never** tie the string on the yo-yo.



Winding a Ball Bearing yo-yo:

Begin by placing one finger into the string groove. Wind the string over the finger tip and around the yo-yo and then continue winding the string over the finger tip until all the string is used. The build up will come out when you throw the yo-yo.



Throwdown

Always throw the yo-yo the direction the back of your hand is facing. Curl your arm up, like making a muscle, with your hand next to your ear.



Bring your elbow down with a snap and let the yo-yo fly out over the ends of your fingers. Then turn your hand over and the yo-yo will return up the string.



Forward Pass

Start with your arm straight, angled behind you about waist high with the back of your hand facing front. Let go of the yo-yo as you swing your arm forward (not high).



The yo-yo should go down, then out. Turn your hand over to catch the yo-yo when it returns.



Inside Loop

Start with a Forward Pass. As the yo-yo returns, instead of catching it, roll your hand in a backwards circle with your wrist.



The yo-yo will go out into another Forward Pass and back toward your hand. See how many continuous loops you can do.

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For the rest of the tricks, make sure the Yo-Yo is set to 'Sleep'. See 'String Setting and Adjustments'

Sleeper

Start by throwing the yo-yo exactly the same as in the Throwdown. If the string is correctly adjusted, the yo-yo will stay down "Sleeping".



Before the yo-yo slows down too much, turn your hand over (palm down) and give a slight upward jerk to bring the yo-yo back to your hand.

Walk the Dog

Throw a fast 'Sleeper'. Gently lower the yo-yo until it barely touches the floor. Maintain the distance between your hand and the floor.



The yo-yo will start walking forward. Be sure to jerk it back to your hand before it runs out of spin or you will do the "Dead Dog".

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Creep

Throw a fast "Sleeper", then swing the yo-yo out as far as you can reach (keeping it close to the floor).



Then put your hand and the yo-yo on the floor at the same time. Give a slight jerk on the string and the yo-yo will 'creep' on the floor back to your waiting hand.



If you walk the yo-yo out as well as back, the trick is called Advanced Creep or Land Rover.

Rock the Baby

First practice the cradle without the yo-yo spinning. With the yo-yo hanging, hold your hand up like saying stop.



Reach between your thumb & 1st finger with all 4 fingers of the other hand & pull the string back like drawing a bow. Pull the string down into a triangle and rock the yo-yo through it. Drop everything to get the spinning yo-yo back to your hand.

Flying Saucer

Start in the Breakaway position. Throw the yo-yo at a 45° angle across your body.



When the yo-yo is spinning on its side, catch the string about a hand length above the yo-yo.



Lift the yo-yo to shoulder level, release the string and the yo-yo will return.

Hold the yo-yo with the string bent around the end of the thumb. Pull up with the yo-yo hand while letting the yo-yo spin around the thumb, winding the yo-yo.

Thumb Wind



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