String height ruler

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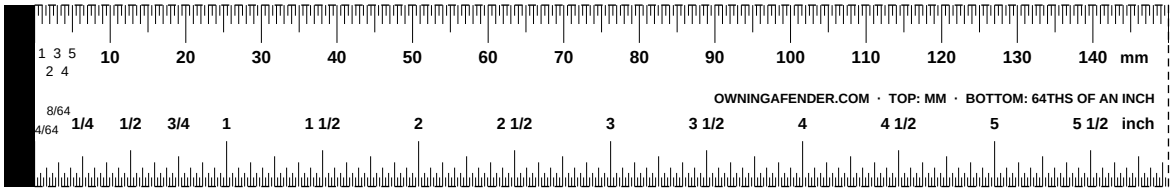
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1 Check the print size

This bar is the width of a bank card: 85.6 mm.
Lay a card on it. If the ends don't line up, print again at 100 percent with "fit to page" turned off.

2 Cut out the ruler

Cut on the dashed line. Cut the left end exactly where the black band ends: that edge is zero.



Top edge: millimetres, a short tick every half millimetre. Bottom edge: inches, a short tick every 1/64 inch, so 4/64 is the fourth tick from zero. A paper ruler reads to about half a millimetre: close enough to see if a string is high or low.

3 Measure

Tune to pitch. Stand the zero end on a fret top and read to the underside of the open string without pushing it up. Fender measures at the 17th fret. Do the E, then the G.

4 What to aim for

FINGERBOARD RADIUS	E (BASS SIDE)	G (TREBLE SIDE)
9.5" to 12"	6/64" (2.4 mm)	5/64" (2.0 mm)

Fender's bass setup procedure, 9.5" to 12" radius row, measured at the 17th fret (support.fender.com, checked September 2026). Other radii and makers: use their own figures. These are starting points: set what plays well for you.

5 My measurements

DATE	E	G	WHAT I CHANGED