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Thread: [Hobby or Skill you have always wanted to pick up but never did?](#)

**Mech** - July 10, 2025, 6:41 am

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[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHjpOzsQ9YI>]

Quote:Lindsey Stirling uses two main violins for her performances: a Yamaha SV-250 Silent Violin Pro and a Luis and Clark "Nero" carbon fiber acoustic violin. The Yamaha electric violin has been in use since 2000, while the Luis and Clark violin gained fame after its use in her "Radioactive" cover with Pentatonix in 2013. The Yamaha violin is worth around \$2,000 - \$3,000, while the Luis and Clark violin is valued at approximately \$5,000, according to some violin retailers.

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I think your probably spot on with the violin being the most beautiful instrument.  
I remember when Lindsey Sterling got really popular a decade or so ago.

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**Rahul007rhp** - July 10, 2025, 7:55 am

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**·CHESTER·** - July 10, 2025, 10:05 am

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Being older trying to learn a new skill is definitely demotivating when you're seeing younger kids that are miles ahead of you and when your body doesn't want to bend like it used too.

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Well, you're on the right track to achieving your goals! That's more than a lot of people can say.

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I've thought about learning both of those dozens of times in my life, I even bought a guitar once with plans to learn. That was probably 10 years ago, I still can't play.

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Well it's not really too late if we want to. Just need to take that first step to do it.

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10 years ago, my aspirations were different, but things have definitely changed since then. Wishing you good luck with whatever comes next

**?ystem** - July 13, 2025, 12:27 pm

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I worked with radios a whole lot in my past. Specifically, VLF, HF/UHF voice, SHF and EHF data. I loved it and the cryptography that came with it.

**Jake Johnson** - July 14, 2025, 1:30 pm

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I feel you on that. I'm trying hard not to push my kids into things, even though there are somethings I really want my sons to enjoy because I enjoy them. However, I don't want them to get burnt out, and try and support them through deciding on what they want to do,

**immeiron** - July 15, 2025, 12:26 am

Learning a musical instrument, its a great skill that boost creativity

**P??sonl?af** - July 15, 2025, 1:42 am

Learning how to mix/dj, in more detail mash-ups/hardstyle.

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**HerrWinston** - July 15, 2025, 3:35 pm

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I always had an interest in coding, but it wasn't until I was working for a company whose inventory

program really sucked that I started trying to learn. Basically, I saw a need and thought, I could probably build something better than this.

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I've thought about how cool it would be to be able to DJ many times, but yeah, the initial investment and learning curve seemed pretty steep.

**phunted** - July 15, 2025, 4:10 pm

Sports. Like most i was a very successful athlete growing up however slowly gave up on the dream as things got tough.

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(Jul 15, 2025 04:10 PM)phunted Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Sports. Like most i was a very successful athlete growing up however slowly gave up on the dream as things got tough.

I sometimes wish I would have cared more for sports as a young man. However, there were so many walking distractions that I chose to chase rather than sports.?

**SIM-2470866** - July 16, 2025, 5:00 am

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**The Pact** - July 16, 2025, 5:58 am

Scuba diving but it doesn't seem like a thing I would actually do.

**LOUTTON** - July 16, 2025, 6:24 am

Being football athlete was my dream when a child, but times goes by and i grow up ended taking an economy school.

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(Jul 16, 2025 05:00 AM)SIM-2470866 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I still didnt get a PM, did Quick love as well.

Did you mean to comment this on my other thread?

(Jul 16, 2025 05:58 AM)The Pact Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Scuba diving but it doesn't seem like a thing I would actually do.

How cool would it be to just be able to go scuba dive and find cool shit. Like diving quarries or lakes, I think it would be pretty awesome.

**n8maniac** - July 17, 2025, 12:02 pm

Guitar, even have one, just cant help myself to pick it up and learn to play it.

**Andy Walker** - July 18, 2025, 11:08 pm

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I was interested in the inner workings and the repair technician would show me a few things. I just never made the decision to learn it and moved onto other things.

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Interesting. Not too late to start!

**K4RM4** - *August 17, 2025, 9:49 am*

Mine is hacking. I've always "started" to get into it, and get preoccupied very early in the process. But this time I've really tried to immerse myself in it and have really enjoyed every bit of it.