

# Cello Shipping 101

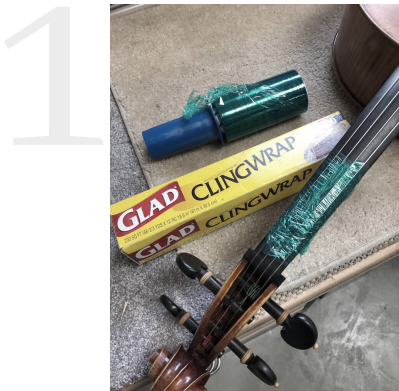
Christopher Dungey has spent many years fine tuning the following method of packing and preparing a cello for shipment. Follow the steps below to help ensure your cello remains safe in its travels.

You'll need the following materials:

- 1 cardboard box large enough to accommodate a cello (BAM cello case box recommended)
- 1 roll of heavy-duty packing tape (minimum 2-3 inches wide)
- Painters blue tape or similar
- Glad wrap or similar cling wrap (look in your kitchen pantry)
- Bubble wrap (you'll need both small and large varieties)
- Extra packing material that is lightweight (packing paper, newspaper, styrofoam, etc.)
- 1 paper towel

Recommended  
shipping method

FedEx 2 Day  
Express Service



1  
Wrap the nut end of the fingerboard with cling wrap. Make sure the wrapping is pulled tight. Do *not* wrap with tape. No adhesive or glue-style products should touch the fingerboard.



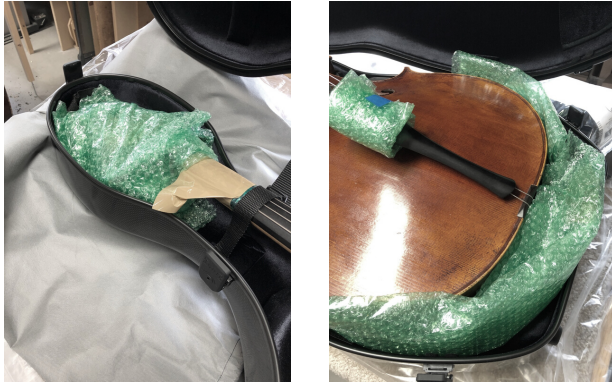
2  
Wrap the tailpiece and the bridge end of the fingerboard with bubble wrap. Secure the bubble wrap with tape, making sure to only place tape on the bubble wrap itself. Next, wrap the bridge in paper towels, and secure that wrap with tape in the same fashion.



3  
Secure the cling wrap to the fingerboard by wrapping tape around it several times, pulling it tight. This serves as a clamp and will minimize any potential failure of the glue joint between the fingerboard and the neck.

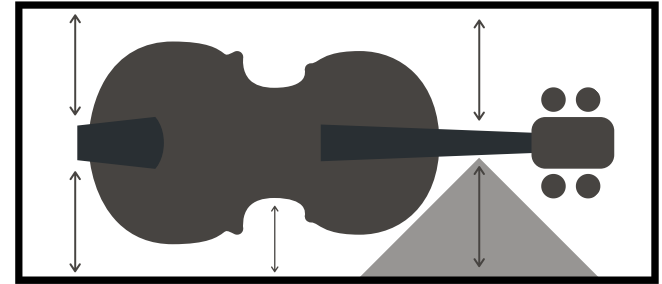
# Cello Shipping 101

4



Place your cello inside the cello case and fill any remaining space with bubblewrap or similar packing materials (tissue paper, newspaper, etc.). Avoid increasing the weight of the package too much. Using t-shirts, blankets or similarly heavy material to wrap your cello can add expensive extra weight.

5



Create a triangular piece of cardboard as shown above and tape securely. This piece is used to prop up the neck end of the cello case inside the box. The goal is to 'float' the cello case as evenly as possible away from all sides of the box (see illustration - as shown from the side of the box).

6

After placing the triangle piece in the box, put your cello (in its case) inside the box, positioning the neck end of the case over the triangle support. Fill the box as needed with excess pieces of bubble wrap, cardboard, empty milk cartons, etc. to make sure the cello cannot move within the box. Again, remember the packing materials should be as lightweight and durable as possible. Tape the box closed and secure all corners and edges with heavy duty packing tape (the minimum width of the tape should be 2-3 inches wide). It is recommended to use one large roll of packing tape to securely close the box.

