

THE YOYO ARCHIVE



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FOREWORD

Vol.1 covered the basics of yo-yo. This volume hopes to expand on that to give readers a bit more to go on when getting into the hobby. I hope, by the end, you'll have a fair enough understanding to purchase a yo-yo and master a few of the most basic tricks within a few days.

This issue includes some personal recommendations for yo-yos, strings, etc... I won't be hurt some if you do your own research and ignore my opinions! In fact, I encourage you to do so! Dig deep into the world of yo-yos!

Thanks so much for reading,
The Curator

YOUR FIRST YO-YO

I'm not talking about a Party City yo-yo, or something given out at corporate events. I'm talking about a *real* yo-yo. Something you can do tricks with and actually enjoy playing with.

There's two yo-yo's I'm going to recommend here, but there are more than a handful that would make a great first throw¹.

Duncan Butterfly (Fixed-Axle)

The Duncan Butterfly is inexpensive, readily available at most big-box and toy stores, and is a seriously good fixed-axle yo-yo. You can do many 0A tricks on a butterfly, and there's a whole community of Butterfly collectors out there.



Snag a Butterfly here!

¹ Many people in the yo-yo community call yo-yos "throws"

YOUR FIRST YO-YO (CONT)

MAGICYOYO K2 Crystal (Bearing)

MAGICYOYO puts out a lot of inexpensive yo-yos, and the Crystal is a great throw for someone just starting out with bearing yo-yos. What's great is that most Crystals come with a responsive bearing and unresponsive bearing so players can swap between them whenever they feel like it.

The Crystal is a yo-yo that grows with the player, and a budget-friendly way to get a throw that'll last you through beginner, intermediate, and even some advanced tricks.

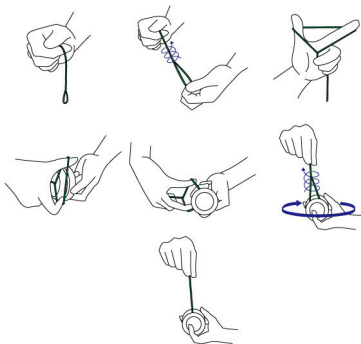


Snag a Crystal here!

STRINGING UP YOUR YO-YO

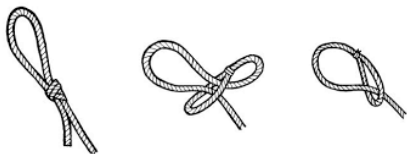
Here's a quick guide on how to string a yo-yo:

- 1: Locate the end of the string opposite the end with the knot/finger loop.
2. Twist the loop between your fingers to separate the strands, creating an open loop.
3. Slide the loop over one half of the yo-yo and rest it around the axle/bearing in the middle.
4. Twist the string the opposite direction to wind the strands back together.



STRINGING UP YOUR YO-YO (CONT)

Once the string is on your yo-yo, you'll want to be able to put the other end on your finger so you can play with it! That requires a slip knot. Check out the following diagram on how to tie one.



Video tutorial
on stringing up
your yo-yo

SOME GREAT STRINGS

AMMO String

Kitty String

Markmont String

OT String

Sochi Strings

Throw-Yo SOLUTIONS

Toxic Strings

Twisted Stringz

Zipline Strings

SOMETHING COOL FROM THE ARCHIVE

Here are the yo-yos that the winners from the World Yoyo Contest used from 2003-2024 in the 3A and 4A divisions. Check back next issue for more!

3A

2003 – YYJ Sigma Blade
2004 – YYJ Sigma Blade Zwei prototype
2005 – YYJ Sigma Blade Zwei
2006 – Buzzon Bushido
2007 – YYJ Speeder
2008 – YJR Stargazer
2009 – YYF Superstar
2010 – YJR Stargazer v2
2011 – Duncan Echo
2012 – Duncan Barracuda
2013 – Duncan Barracuda
2014 – SOMETHING Phaser
2015 – SOMETHING Phaser
2016 – SOMETHING Phaser
2017 – SOMETHING Phaser
2018 – SOMETHING Phaser
2019 – SOMETHING Phaser
*2021 Online – YJR Anomaly
*2022 Online – TP Untangle
2023 – YJR Para Autocopy
2024 – YJR Anomaly

4A

2003 – YYJ Aquarius
2004 – YYJ Big Ben
2005 – YYJ Aquarius
2006 – YYJ Big Yo 2
2007 – YYJ Aquarius
2008 – YYJ Big Yo 2
2009 – Shinwoo Griffin Wing
2010 – JT Kamui
2011 – YJR Maestro
2012 – YYJ Rextreme
2013 – SOMETHING Jetset EC
2014 – YYJ Rextreme 2
2015 – YJR Aeronaut
2016 – C3 Flawless
2017 – C3 Flawless
2018 – SOMETHING Jetset EG
2019 – C3 Flawless
*2021 Online – C3 Flawless
*2022 Online – C3 Flawless Air
2023 – C3 Flawless Air
2024 – iYoyo Unlimited

WHAT IS THE YOYO ARCHIVE?

The Yoyo Archive is an online archive of yo-yo history, nostalgia & stories.

WHO IS THE YOYO ARCHIVE?

The Yoyo Archive was founded by Aaron Warren in January of 2023. In June of 2024 Aaron handed the site over to its current Curator, Rob Kalajian.

Rob currently oversees several contributors, including Bobparty, who writes all the amazing Player Profiles.

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