

String retractor for cigar box guitars

I was trying to track down a buzz in a CBG bridge and was tired of taking the strings on and off. I came up with this string retractor made from bike spokes. You can loosen the strings just enough to slip over the ends of the retractors so you can work on the bridge or neck or whatever. You can use any stiff wire, of course, if you don't have spokes. It's just what I had on hand.

The bend at the corners is actually more than 90 degrees, and you can see the corners are bent to avoid denting the sharp edges of the box. A rubber band keeps the far ends from flying apart.

Works well!

