

# Clarinet Reed Placement

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### Reed Placement on Mouthpiece

You will need to be detailed and meticulous when placing the reed on the mouthpiece. It is essential for beautiful tone production, as well as valuable in establishing extreme attention to detail in all areas of clarinet playing. Take your time to get everything lined up perfectly every time!



### Lip Placement on Reed

Turn your correctly assembled mouthpiece sideways and notice where the reed separates from the mouthpiece table. Next, gently insert a piece of paper between the mouthpiece and the reed. Do not force the paper any further than where it naturally stops. Draw a line with a pencil to mark where the paper stopped. This line will now indicate where the bottom lip should be placed on the reed for the best air usage and tone quality.

