

Picks

There are all sorts of picks available for the banjo. Metal, plastic, bone, stone, it can get confusing. One thing I've learned is that if it's not comfortable it will hinder your playing.

My personal preference is to use National metal finger picks and a plastic/celluloid thumb pick. Make sure they are snug but not so tight that they stop blood flow to your finger tips.

For the finger picks the band goes around the top of your fingers and the "pick" lays over your finger print. Set the end of the pick just past your finger nail or finger tip.

For the thumb pick I like to lay the band just past the end of my cuticle. You'll get a feel for where it needs to go when you start to play.



Thumb Pick



Finger Pick



picks in place



Finger Pick placement



Holding the banjo