

# Russel Crosby

*About Russel*



Russel Crosby of Crosby Guitars builds string instruments of several kinds, but focuses primarily on acoustic guitars. He makes steel string acoustic guitars, mandolins, and other string instruments. These days he focuses primarily on custom instruments. Though Russel draws inspiration from the music he hears and from other instrument builders, he does not try to recreate styles he has seen. Instead he tries to make each instrument a signature work of art.

Russel comes from a large family with older siblings who play instruments. However, it wasn't until later in life that he began playing the guitar. He built his first acoustic guitar and became hooked, trying to improve and grow as a builder. Soon his hobby became a career.

Russel has accomplished a lot since making his first guitar, having established a respected business, but he considers having had accomplished musicians, such as J.P Cormier and the Hupman Brothers, play his guitars his greatest achievement. He currently sells his guitars and other instruments out of his house in East Jordan.

**Crosby Fingerstyle Elite Model – Sitka Spruce/ Pau Ferro**  
Photo by Russel Crosby



**Russel Crosby playing one of his guitars**