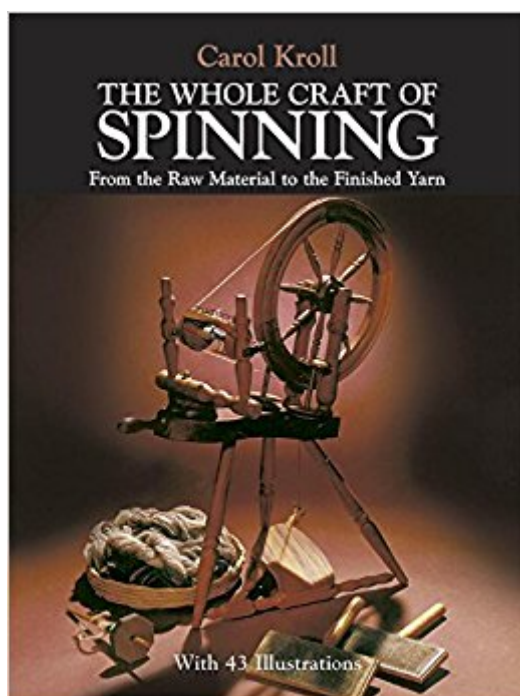


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# The Whole Craft Of Spinning: From The Raw Material To The Finished Yarn



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The ancient craft of spinning is becoming increasingly popular with today's modern craft enthusiasts as it provides a method of creating unique, personal and unusual yarns that can be used in contemporary weaving, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery and macramé. It is a highly creative craft, yet simple to learn, and therein lies both its fascination and challenge. The story of spinning is interwoven with the history of man. The first attempt at spinning probably consisted of twisting animal fibers with suitable plant material. Some forms of hand spinning existed as early as 15,000 years ago in Asia, and 12,000 years ago in North Africa. Many of the earliest methods and tools are still in use to this day, especially the various drop spindles, and the Indian and Navajo types of spindles. The spinning wheel itself is believed to have evolved in India 800 to 1,000 years ago. Now you can master this timeless craft through the clear instructions and easy-to-follow directions of well-known spinning authority Carol Kroll. Drawing upon her years of valuable experience, the author shows you everything you need to know from set-up to finished product. You'll learn about the different kinds of spindles and spinning wheels, their history, development, and modern applications. Her lucid text demonstrates the proper methods of preparing the fiber for spinning including: selecting the fiber, sorting, washing, adding oil, and carding. Whether you're a novice or an experienced hand, Carol Kroll's expert advice shows you the ins and outs of: Spinning with a Drop Spindle; Spinning on a Treadle Wheel; Finishing the Yarn; How to Shop for a Spinning Wheel; Spinning with Wool and Making the Most of Natural and Other Animal Fibers; Synthetic Fibers; Making Your Own Spindle; and The Fun of Creating Novelty Yarns. Plus, an access and resources section with suggested further reading, supplies, services, and much more to get you started making something that is truly your own, from the first step to the last.

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This is a great guide for demonstrating the proper form in which to spin, particularly when using a wheel. Packed with tonnes of information on how to choose fibre, identify the orientation of fibres, and spin yarn that won't fall apart, this comprehensive resource offers a complete analysis of spinning, just like the title promises. I highly recommend this book, both for beginners and continuing learners alike.

This book does have sufficient information for learning to spin fiber into yarn. However I was able to learn from a you tube video on how to spin much better than this book explains. Something that was missing from the book was preparing the combined sliver for spinning. It must be divided into smaller thinner pieces for spinning, the book did not explain that part of spinning. It does teach how to comb raw fiber, and have it turned into a roving/sliver. I think this book is worth getting, but more information might be needed to be ready for spinning on the drop spindle.

Attention hobbyists! This book shows you how to spin wool from raw fiber through to finished yarn. It shows the reader how to spin with a spinning whorl and with different types of spinning wheels. Additionally, it tells the reader how to card fiber. There is also the history of spinning within and things to think about when getting a spinning wheel.

nice clear directions

Great book

This book is definitely for the very beginning spinner. I purchased this book about a year after having taken a spinning class, and learned the very basics in class. I appreciate all the information, but felt it was a bit basic for my needs. I moved very quickly beyond what she teaches in this book. It would be a great book for someone who has never used a wheel or in addition to a first class.

I am enjoying learning about spinning

I was scouring the internet looking for detailed instructions for taking a fleece from the raw, just off the sheep, state to yarn. This book has helped me a lot. It is easy to read and added to what I had already learned quite nicely.

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