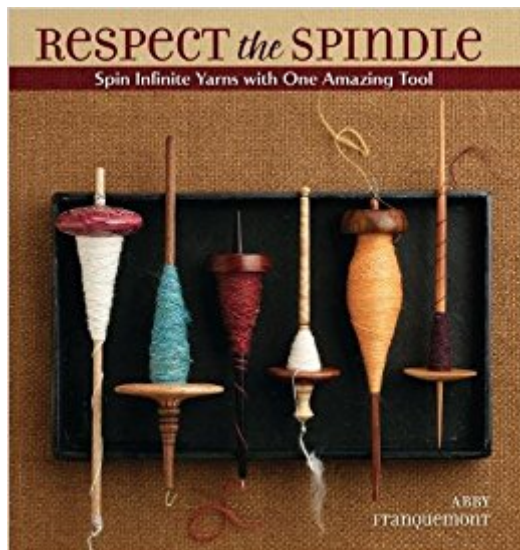


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Respect The Spindle



Synopsis

Enjoying a resurgence in popularity thanks to the current trend of DIY crafts, the hand spindle remains one of the most productive, versatile, and convenient tools for creating stunning fiber arts from home, as this beautifully illustrated guide from a veteran spinner and spindle aficionado demonstrates. With step-by-step instructions, this essential manual details the basic steps of spinning and then advances to the more complicated spinning wheel, showing how to use the spindle to make specific types of yarn, explaining traditional spindle spinning techniques, and detailing five simple projects designed to instill confidence in creating a variety of yarns with this simple tool. Combining fascinating historical narratives, traditions, and cultures from around the globe with vivid photography, this all-encompassing tour of the spindle also boasts easy-to-follow, contemporary techniques and styles that affirm the tool's enduring legacy.

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Abby Franquemont was raised in the United States and the Andes, where she was taught to spin on a spindle at the age of five. She has been spinning, knitting, weaving, and crocheting for more than thirty years. She is a fiber artist, teacher, technical editor, and writer whose work has appeared in Spin-Off, Spindlicity, and Twist Collective. She lives in Lebanon, Ohio.

Fantastic book for anyone considering the craft, or like myself, already using a spindle as their only means of spinning. Comprehensive and well researched, the author draws from her experience of spinning beginning at the age of six. Beautiful photos of spindles and fiber, add the sexy factor to something not immediately thought of as sexy;), and add to the inspiration I often look for to get my artistic juices flowing. I can't see anyone even slightly interested in the craft not enjoying this book. Ty for this book, and a pleasant transaction.

this book is an amazing well explained and detailed resource for anyone who is interested in fiber not just people who want to learn to spin I cant recommend it enough I'd give it more stars if I could

This is a wonderful book for people who want more than just a few pictures and words of advice about spinning on a spindle. You get history lessons, science lessons, math lessons, as well as spindling lessons. There is wonderful advice for beginning spinners as well as the more experienced - on everything from choosing a spindle to the varying techniques for using the tools. The book is informative, beautiful, helpful, well organized and fun to read. You will rush through it the first time, and then settle back and read in detail the second - and then use it for reference the next time you need to figure a way out of the problem you have gotten yourself into.

The photographs are informative, detailed, and if you are a spindle geek, beautiful. The book is a treasure, and you NEED one for your spinning library!

I do not spin thread... well, not much. What I do, though is woodturn. I have been looking for a good reference book that describes the different styles of drop spindles, how they work, why they work, criteria for a "good", efficient spindle, how to choose a spindle, and ideas on design variations. This book met all of those needs and provided a great read on some of the history and ethnic differences in spindles and thread spinning. The photos are clear and easy to see detail, the book is organized nicely, and flows well. Dimensions and guidelines for the types of spindles are easy to identify. With the information covered in this book I am confident I can make drop spindles for gifts that are meant for "real use", and not just for show.

The very best book available regarding spinning on a drop spindle. I recommend this book to all new spinners or to those seeking to increase skill. Clear instructions and abundant photos.

The mix of treatments in this book covers the range from thoughtful remembrance on what began as a childhood learning task to a discussion on the physics on how spindles work the way they do. In my estimation Abby Franquemont has given us the definitive piece of writing on spindles, their origins, their mechanics and then she teaches you how to do it! What more could you ask for? One piece of advice: Don't buy the Kindle version of this book. Why? Because this is the kind of book, like a spindle with a cop of newly spun fiber on it, you're going to want to hold in your hands.

Great starter book. I wish there was more information about yarn development, depictions of what more/less twist will do, and some suggestions of what things to look out for. But good, solid writing, and clear pictures. Perhaps a book for advanced beginners is on the horizon?

This is an absolute must have for spindle spinners. The author goes over history, spinning basics, techniques, storage, basically everything you would want in a comprehensive spindle spinning guide. She has a fun and accessible writing style and includes a list of Fiber and spindle sources as well as sources for more information.

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