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The Spinner's Companion (Companion)



Synopsis

The definitive tool for spinners, this handy pocket-sized guide is filled with common spinning terms, tips on how to maintain wheels, and lessons on how to process fiber and spin yarn. Appropriate for spinners at every level of ability, this book presents clear, concise instruction on topics such as basic carding techniques, how to dress a distaff, and creating uniform yarns. This instructional guide proves as practical as it is comprehensive, making it a great addition to any spinning basket.

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Customer Reviews

this book is packed full of all the little things you know, but can't quite remember when you need to.. Great tips and advice fo new spinners, and all the stuff experienced spinners sometimes need to be reminded of. All information from starting with a wheel or spindle to how to make boucle yarns! Highly recommended for everyone.

I had enough money to buy one book and picked this one over the Amos Big Book of Handspinning. Its compact size is perfect for keeping in my workbasket, it is also a perfect size for "going on the road." The information is clearly presented and valuable. And...it lacks the demeaning comments of the Amos book, for those spinners that use double treadle.

If you've just learned to spin, this book will enhance your library. It is very clear and complete. It explains all those terms that get thrown around.... Grist, twist, ratio... This book will help you keep it

all straight.

I'm a brand new spinner, and this book has helped me immensely. It has helped me to better understand the parts of the wheel and what they do, how to draft, how to troubleshoot problems such as the yarn not winding onto the bobbin or overtwisting. It has a wealth of information about all aspects of spinning, from start to finish, in a concise and useful format. The way the book is constructed so you can stand it up and refer to it while spinning is also a big plus. Highly recommended!

Great little book to chuck in with the traveling wheel/spindle gives the pertinent information with reasonable pictures easy to use, easy to pack has become a constant companion. Coil bound with heavy card pages lays flat even outdoors.

One of the first spinning books I purchased, easy to use, indexed well, spiral bound and small enough to take along in my knitting/ spinning supplies. A reference book I am always picking up to read; pest controls, hand carding, different spinning methods, washing yarn. Also a good bibliography for further reading.

This is a nice little useable spiral bound book. However, is it possible for SOMEONE to write a book for experienced spinners that does not go into all the types of wheels/spindles and all their parts, all the different categories of fiber and where it is from, etc. Just the how's and what's of spinning.... drawing, twist, grist, plying. This book is nice that it does have some of those things, but it wastes so much space and weight with what is already known about wheels and fiber categories. It would be nice to have a handy reminder of spinning specifics with just spinning ... not history, or another fiber origin discussion.

I do not spin, weave, knit or sew, but my wife does. I bought her this book as a Christmas gift. It now sits on top of a basket full of wool, within easy reach of the spinning wheel. I know she has used the book a number of times and has found it helpful. From what I've seen, it is a compilation of the many books that she owns. From an observers stand point, I would say it was well worth the money. It saves her time; time that would be used hunting through 10 different books to find an answer to a simple question or a solution to a problem.

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