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Spin To Knit



Synopsis

Knitters who want new worlds to conquer can reach for this guide to handspinning their own designer yarns. A rundown on equipment introduces the drop spindle, supported spindle, niddy-noddy, McMorran balance, and yarn meter, while the following sections include choosing wool and other fibers, presenting knitting patterns suitable for handspun yarn, and in-depth profiles of real urban spinners. For crafters who want to experiment with spinning but don't want to sacrifice too much of their knitting time, there are lots of ideas for jazzing up a thrift-store cardigan with handspun trim or knitting a boatneck pullover in a combination of commercial and handspun yarns. Methods for incorporating beads and threads into yarn and a technique for dyeing yarn in the dishwasher are also featured.

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Customer Reviews

"Short of shearing the sheep, author Shannon Okey provides everything knitters need to know to take fiber from fuzz to fab." - BUST
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"Nicely illustrated with a homely, folksy approach, this book

offers some technique, patterns and a variety of tips." - KnitNet"With Spin to Knit everything you need to create one-of-a-kind designer yarn is right at your fingertips." - Get Creative"All in all, this publication is a fast read, beautifully written and illustrated, and a joy to linger over." - Spindlicity.com

Shannon Okey learned to spin in 2002 after many years as a knitter and artist. She has appeared on the DIY Network's Uncommon Threads and Knitty Gritty, and HGTV's Crafters Coast to Coast. Her books include Knitgrrl (Watson Guptill, 2005) and Knitgrrl 2 (Watson Guptill, April 2006). She is a city coordinator for national indie craft show Bazaar Bizarre and lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Nice

This book is truly a wonderful resource for new spinners who also love to knit. I believe it will prove to be a resource to which I will refer for years to come. The book contains several patterns for homespun yarn, which is very important for gauge and end results of one's work. There is a wealth of information about spinning wheels and the Lazy Kate, as well as technique for spinning properly. I look forward to many years of enjoyment of this expertly written book!

It is a nice, colourful book with interesting stories about the contributors, and tips such as using aromatic herbs for keeping wool nice. How useful you find this book depends on what you want out of it. I bought it for patterns on knitting handspun wool and feel it could have done with a bigger variety of patterns, particularly for jerseys, cardigans and jackets.

Great book for new spinners. Not too technical. Spinning is a hobby that requires time and perserverance. This book encourages you to keep going and success will be yours. Of all the spinning books I have purchased, this is the most inspiring. Has projects for your newly spun yarn. Some projects are a little funky but if you're spinning you must be a little different!

I recently purchased this book with the hopes that I could learn more about drafting for different purposes but there is little for a spinner who is past the very beginning stages. Good patterns for homespun yarn but I wouldn't purchase the book again. The best advice: for overspun yarn - treddle slower...

Spin to Knit: The Knitter's Guide to Making Yarn – I have enjoyed this book. I am house bound so I needed something in writing and pictures that would help me with my spinning and this book filled the bill! I enjoy reading from it, then trying out the instructions. I would recommend this book to most.

Although I have not read the whole book I can already say that it has given me some good information as a new spinner. I would definitely advise anyone that is fairly new to knitting and spinning to read this book. Maybe even experienced spinners would benefit.

I was disappointed in the contents. Did not feel that it really addressed what the title represented. I will probably give it away.

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