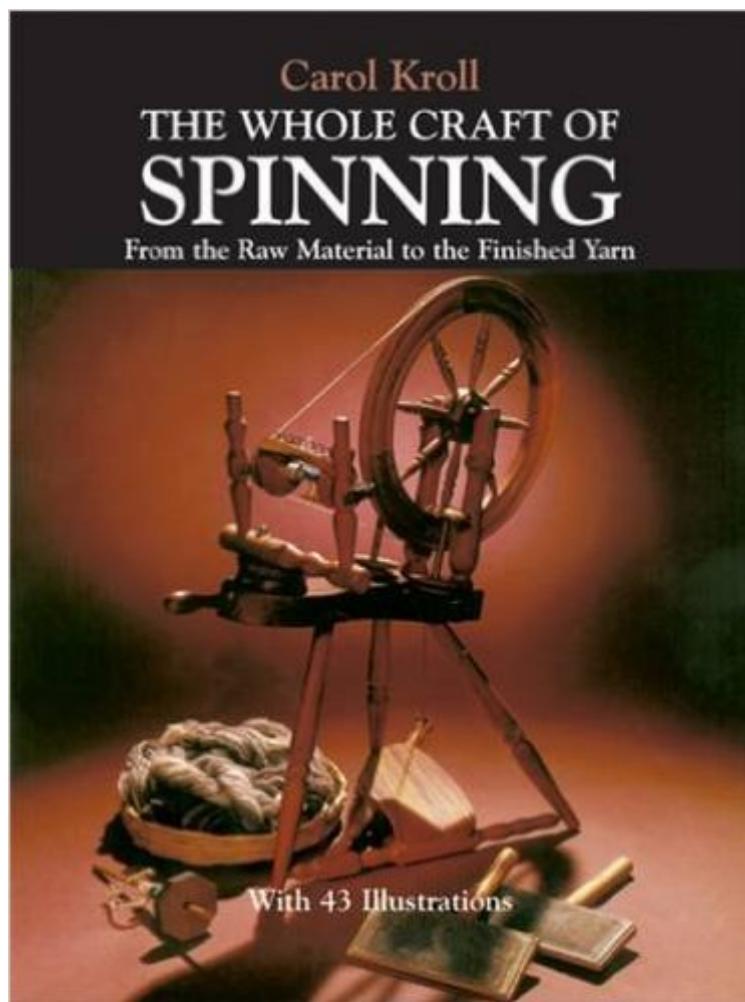


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# The Whole Craft Of Spinning: From The Raw Material To The Finished Yarn



## Synopsis

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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## Customer Reviews

I've come back to this book many times since I bought it. I enjoy its high-level overview of the history, parts, and use of wheels. I especially like pondering the long evolution of this essential craft, based on what I learned from this book. Humans wouldn't have survived without learning how to spin, I think. Yet, the modern wheel wasn't invented until 1533! The flyer and the bobbin, separate from the drive wheel, was a huge step forward. But I digress. This little book covers the essentials of spinning with a hand spindle, and many wheels. It covers preparing fibers, spinning, plying, skeining. It even covers novelty yarns. I'm not in any hurry to spin cattail or milkweed fluff, but this book tells you how! If you're the type who can learn a hands-on skill from a book, then this will help you. For its very small cost, it sure has a lot of information to give you. I took a class to learn spindle and wheel spinning, but I use the book as reference and for ideas. I do not regret having bought it. I believe many people will enjoy this book as much as I have, and glean as much benefit from it. Best regards from Esther

I purchased this book as I was unsure of whether I wanted to spend a lot of money on spinning, and I just wanted to get some of the basic information. That was 4 months ago, and I have bought a spinning wheel. This book gave me the basic information about types of spinning, wheels, types of fibers, as well as technique information on types of drafting, how to set yarn and basic yarn structure. It was very much what I thought it was, a book to get someone started without a lot of initial outlay.

The book was very basic and an excellent resource for the novice spinner. I was able to teach myself how to use my spinning wheel and how to spin my own wool. Highly recommend this reference.

New spinners should have a copy of this book in their library. Not only does it tell you about spinning, the history of spinning and spinning wheels, it also provides a brief synopsis of spinning exotic fibers.

I have bought several books on spinning. All very interesting in their own way. I thought that the book "How to teach yourself spinning visually" would be the best as I am a visual person but I found it to be long-winded on the superfluous and total lack of detail on the necessary. For instance it said once you start spinning you will find.....blah, blah blah but never actually told you exactly how to start. Well today I got a Kindle book called "Whole Craft of Spinning" that is just wonderful. It went into minute detail of tying on the lead, which hook to pass it under etc. etc. It explained how to fan out the end of the lead and even how many times to wrap your spinning fiber around it. It told exactly what your hand will feel and how best to coordinate hand motions with feet. I don't know how many hours this book is going to save me but I can tell you it is the most inexpensive, yet the best I have found so far. I actually feel like I have a teacher sitting beside me as she answers all questions I would want to ask. This was really money well spent. The above are the words I used in an e-mail to my daughter who is also teaching herself to spin. If you are a beginner like me, this is a must buy.

this is a good book for a beginner spinner or for someone who wants a helpful book should they forget the basics. good value.

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.

This book does have sufficient information for learning to spin fiber into yarn. However I was able to learn from a YouTube 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.

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