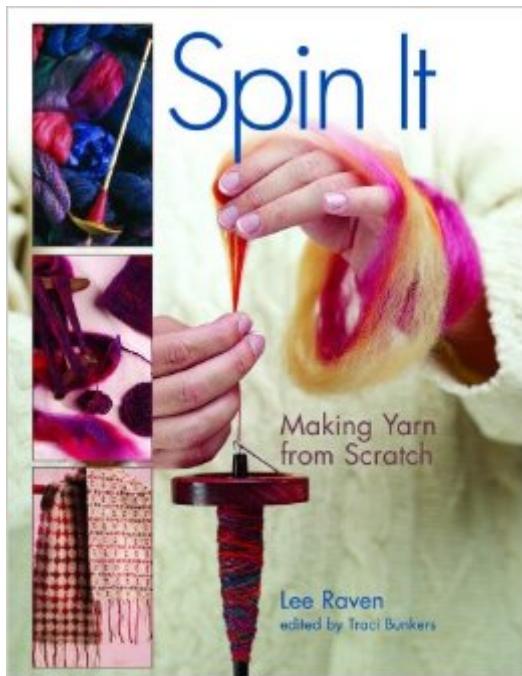


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# Spin It: Making Yarn From Scratch



## Synopsis

Here are step-by-step instructions and illustrations that explain how to make yarn from scratch using handspindles--simple tools used to turn wool into yarn. Designed to appeal to the beginning spinner, tips and hints are provided that illustrate how easy, enjoyable, and relaxing spinning can be. This manual also includes complete instructions for five simple, appealing projects: a woven sleeve, a knitted bunny bag, a knitted baby hat, knitted fingerless mittens, and a crocheted hat.

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## Customer Reviews

I picked up "Spin-It" along with several other new spinning books to add to my library (the others being "The Spinners Companion" and "Spin to Knit" -- both excellent books). I was very surprised when I opened the box and found that what I thought was a reasonably sized book was in fact a twenty-five-ish page booklet. The content is good and mainly covers the mechanics of spinning. It also includes a good how-to on how to make a CD spindle, although you can find similar instructions for free on the Interweave webpage. The booklet additionally covers a brief introduction to scouring and carding. There were three or four knit projects in the back, although how any spinning beginner could tackle a three ply angora still boggles my mind. The booklet does not cover anything other than basic spindle spinning. If you need a intro to wheel spinning you would be better off with the author's other intro "Hands On Spinning" or or Shannon Okey's "Spin to Knit." I would actually recommend "Spinning in the Old Way" above this title for new spindle spinners as it has much more information to grow with as you become more proficient with spindle spinning.

As I ventured into the world of spinning there were a many books but none interested me as much as this one. The beautifull color pictures and easy to fallow instructions are the best. even the projects in the back have meaning to the beginner spinner. The best part is that there is instructions on how to make your own spindle!

Excellent instructions for preparing the roving for spinning. Up until reading this book I was unable to get the roving to separate and allow the fibers to slip past each other. Great job.

I found this book really helpful and have read it and referred back to it MANY TIMES!

Nearly 40 years ago a sheep farmer neighbor taught me to spin wool into yarn using a homemade drop spindle (a dowel with a carved hook stuck into 2x4 which was cut into an octagon ...) I was first attracted to Spin It by the picture on the cover; I had never before seen a drop spindle with the whorl under the weight, and was curious to see what else might be new to me. I did not expect very much, but was pleasantly surprised. This book is in no way intimating. It encourages experimentation. Spin It gently leads a curious person with a bit of fleece through the various steps to some interesting and useful wool projects. These can be accomplished with little or no expense. There are even instructions for making your own drop spindle. While Spin It presents information on a variety of drop spindles, do not expect information on spinning wheels, dyeing, sheep, fibers other than wool, or on fancy varieties of spun yarn. The resource list at the end of the book can lead the reader to further information.

This book helped me with not only spinning but how to prepare the fiber. It also shows how to use hand carders. Very helpful.

O.K. so you have read all about it and you may even have watched videos. Bus as with most all things until you try you will never truly know. There are many neat tricks of the trade packed in this thin book. It may be stretching the amount of information that can be packed in one book as we see different spindles and different fibers; there are tricks for handling the fibers such as using a chair back for skein-winder. We see the different uses for carded and/or combed fiber. Well I do not want to go through the whole book but are even projects that you can do with your newly spun fiber. The author Lea Raven does have a book on wheel spinning also. ISBN-10: 0934026270

I found this book really helpful and have read it and referred back to it for assistance many times over. Definately not a large book but more of a booklet or reference guide.

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