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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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In 1996, Interweave published the first of their "companion" books, *The Knitter's Companion*. Then came *The Beader's Companion* and *The Weaver's Companion*. Now, hand spinners have their own handbook, a compendium of practical information on spinning wheels, preparing fibers for spinning, drafting, plying, fiber storage, and much more. This richly illustrated manual includes an excellent bibliography and a resource list. Public libraries with any interest in this subject will want this one. It's the type of book aspiring hand spinners will check out and then buy for their own collections. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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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.

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.

Item exactly as described. Fast shipping Very happy

A very good carry along reference book

As a new spinner this book was very helpful. It broke it down into basic terms and showed you what tools you could use. I recommend it if you are just starting out.

This is the perfect companion for the spinner whether you are a new spinner or an experienced spinner. I keep this book close to my wheel and refer to it often. What a great book.

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.

As expected, very useful !!

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