



Mood: SPRING 2018 – Linen

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Proposals due by: **March 1, 2017**

Spring 2018 is going to focus on that mysterious and ancient fiber – **linen**! History, growing, retting, processing, bleaching, dyeing, spinning, finishing, knitting, weaving, and anything else you can think of is what we are looking for. This issue needs to cover everything – **basic, intermediate, and expert**, so if you know something about this sometimes-intimidating fiber, get in touch and let us help you tell the spinning world what you know. Let's work together to **demystify** this fiber and get people spinning!

A great place to start is a **beginners' guide** to spinning linen. Do you know the deal with the **lingo**? When does **flax** become linen, and where does **hemp** fit in there? What about all the different types of **processing**? What's best for a handspinner? **Is water essential** for the spinning process? Can you spin linen on a **spindle**? What's the best wheel set-up? How much **twist** does linen like? What happens if you **break out of norms** and give it more or less twist? What about using linen in **nontraditional** ways or for textured yarn? How about **blends**? How do you blend it with other fibers and what fibers work best? **Finishing tips and tricks**? How does linen wear, and when does it really start feeling soft?

How about some big questions: What's the **joy** in spinning linen? Why would a non-linen spinner want to venture here? **Let's convince them!** How does spinning linen **connect you to the past**, and what's the **future** of this fiber? How about some history and interesting stories? What are the **ecological pluses and minuses** of this fiber? In short, **if you know linen, we want to know you!** Get in touch!

Send your ideas, proposals, projects, and design proposals to jacey@plymagazine.com by **March 1, 2017**, and we'll get back to you with a yes or no in April! *Final articles and projects due by September 1, 2017.*

Thanks,

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