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Winter 2026- Short Draw

What do you know about spinning worsted yarns using short draw techniques? We want to hear all about it. Can you explain how each short draw draft works? Can you help spinners work with the wheel they have, no matter the drive system, to spin short draw? What about spindles? Which is best for spinning short draw and what should a spinner look for? What about consistency? What about plying and finishing? How do you finish your worsted yarns and how does it affect them?

What about fiber preps? Which are more traditional for worsted spinning? Which are less traditional but still work well? Can you explain each option and the impact it has on the final yarn? What about doing the prep yourself? Can you explain how to use various tools, such as combs, for a worsted-style prep?

How do you change diameters while spinning short forward? What if you want to spin a very fine yarn? How about a super bulky yarn – any tips? How do you find the right amount of twist for a worsted yarn? How do you make sure you're taking care of your body, especially your hands, when drafting with a short draw?

And we'd love you to share your ideas for projects featuring these sleek and strong yarns. Do you have a design in mind for a knitting, crochet, or weaving (on any type of loom) project? How can you showcase the best qualities of a worsted yarn?

We want to hear from you about all of this and anything else you can think of!

Article and project proposals due by December 1, 2025.

You'll hear back from us in January 2026.

Final articles, samples, and projects due by May 15, 2026.



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Egyptian blue

A99E54

Ecru

D16443

Cinnabar

F4C5BD

Tea rose (red)

E676A3

Thulian pink