



## Summer 2027- Whorl

Spindle spinners, it's your time to shine! This issue is focused on this seemingly simple yet vastly varied tool. We want to hear what you know about the different types of spindles and how to choose one for specific projects and fibers. Tell us all about the materials spindles are made from, how those materials impact the spindle, and how to make your own spindles.

What about the whorl itself? What exactly is a whorl, and how does it work? Does it matter where the whorl is on the spindle? Are some whorl types better suited for specific purposes than others? Do tapered whorl-less spindles function similarly to spindles with whorls? What are the differences between whorled and whorl-less spindles, scientifically and practically?

Let's talk about spinning different fibers with spindles: What factors do you need to consider when spinning wool, cotton, silk, or flax? How important is fiber prep for spindle spinning and how can you manage the fiber supply so it doesn't get in the way? What can you tell us about winding the cop?

How about plying? Do you need to use a different spindle for plying? What setup do you use? How do you keep track of and organize singles for a large project?

We could go on with questions about spindles as there's so much to talk about, so don't limit yourself to what we've written here. We want you to geek out about spindles and dig into the questions you have and want to explore!

**Article and project proposals due by June 1, 2026.**

**You'll hear back from us in July 2026.**

**Final articles, samples, and projects due by November 1, 2026.**

**098CA7**

Pacific Cyan

**F5AF04**

Sunflower Gold

**C75323**

Spicy Orange

**E18049**

Toasted Almond

**953837**

Brown Red

