

Spinning Your Yarn in New Directions: Playing with the Connection between Fiber, Yarn, and Technique

Spinning the right yarn for a project involves planning and experimentation, which can be fun, exciting, and surprising. In this workshop, we'll explore how changes, both big and small, in the spinning process intersect with project techniques. We will test facts and myths about how fiber structure and characteristics determine yarn qualities. For example, is a Z-plied yarn stronger than an S-plied?

Working from the other direction, we'll see how the way we knit, crochet, embroider, or weave affects the yarns we spin. Working in groups, we'll try as many variables as possible, including fiber choice and preparation, direction and amount of twist in singles and plies, and yarn density. Participants will spin sample yarns that they can later test in small knitting, crochet, and embroidery samples, thereby learning what combinations of factors will yield as perfect a yarn as possible for their projects.

Level: Advanced beginner to advanced spinner
Students should bring a spinning wheel in good working order, a lazy kate and extra bobbins or ball winder and index cards for winding on singles, wool handcards,

notepaper and pen. If on hand: mini-combs and/or flick card; contrast cloth for lap (white on one side, black on the other.)

The workshop fee includes handouts, wools (fleece and prepared fibers), and luxury fibers (silk, cashmere, mohair).

Presenter: Carol Huebscher Rhoades

Carol is a nationally-known instructor with a patient, low-key teaching style. She's taught many spinning and knitting workshops, written numerous articles for *Spin-Off*, *Piecework*, and other publications, and translated knitting books from Swedish, Danish, and Norwegian. She has been technical editor of *Spin-Off* since 1993.

Workshop Details

When: Sunday, April 11, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Camelot West Condominium Clubhouse, 1422-20th St., West Des Moines just off I 235 at 22nd St Exit. (We will send detailed directions.)

Cost: \$70 (includes \$10 materials fee)

Registration Policy: You must pay in full when you register. Payment is non-refundable unless the workshop is cancelled. If you are unable to attend, you may find someone else to take your place. Space is limited to 15 spinners.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Cost: \$70 (includes \$10 materials fee)

Registration starts February 6, 2010

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