

**Title:** The "Perfect" Loop Bouclé

**Length of Presentation:** 3 hour workshop

**Minimum/maximum number of students:** 1 to 20

**Ability level:** Intermediate-advanced

**Description:**

Learn a fool proof formula for perfect loops and a balanced yarn for weaving, knitting and crochet. Learn which fibers are your best choice and how to obtain good results with ease. If there is sufficient time, other techniques for bouclé type yarns will be introduced.

**Title:** Navaho Multiply Spinning for Novelty Yarns

**Length of Presentation:** 3 hour workshop

**Minimum/maximum number of students:** 1 to 20

**Ability level:** Must be able to treadle wheel in one direction at a time and be able to spin a medium weight single thread.

**Description:**

There is so much more to Navaho plying than just a three ply. In this hands-on workshop the students will learn to create boucle, knobs and knots, thick and thin, variegated, and space colored yarns of three to 12 plies using both handspun and commercial yarns.

**Title:** Elastic Core Spinning

**Length of Presentation:** 3 hour workshop

**Minimum/maximum number of students:** 1 to 20

**Ability level:** Intermediate or Advanced

**Description:**

Tired of sweater cuffs and waist ribbings that don't hold their shape? Elastic core yarns hold their shape and last. The students will learn to create yarns that really stretch. Make these yarns from your everyday wool and cotton to your from your most exotic fibers by spinning over an elastic core. Students will learn techniques on how to spin over elastic, how to use finished yarn, yarn care and advanced yarn design.

**Title:** Drum Carding—a whirlwind tour

**Length of Presentation:** 3 hour workshop

**Minimum/maximum number of students:** 1 to 20 depending on room and tables available.

**Ability level:** All levels

**Description:**

Whirlwind workshop and lecture on all aspects of drum carding including tuning and repairing drum carders, purchasing, all fibers and blending. This is a superficial workshop to introduce beginners, refresh intermediates and offer help to advanced students on fine tuning their carding skills.

Students will bring their own drum carder if they wish, a wheel and fibers to work with. Students are to bring the loose **clean** fibers of their choice for discussion.

**Title:** Spinning for Chinese Knotting

**Length of Presentation:** 3 hour or 1 day workshop

**Minimum/maximum number of students:** 1 to 20 depending on room and tables available.

**Ability level:** Advanced Beginner to Advanced

**Description:**

3 hour workshop: Introduction to Chinese Knotting. What are the necessary properties of a successful Chinese Knotting yarn. Choice of fibers, spinning and plying techniques will be explained. Knot patterns and ideas will be provided. . Students will experience the use of all material discussed.

1 day workshop: In addition to the 3 hour workshop Gold Leaf, silk fabrics and use of commercial yarns to match weaving or knitting patterns will be explained. Students will experience the use of all material discussed.

**Title:** All for Fun—Ultra Exotic Spinning

**Length of Presentation:** 1 day workshop

**Minimum/maximum number of students:** 1 to 20 depending on room and tables available.

**Ability level:** Intermediate to Advanced

**Description:**

A day to think beyond a garment. Ideas that are fun for the holidays, gifts and just to say you can do that! Learn to spin your own holiday tencel off a point wheel. Guess I will have to show you how to turn most wheels into a point wheel. Spin Novelty highlights from silk fabric scraps, metallic and roving. A quick twist will spin straw into gold—really.

**Title:** Spinning Silk Fabric Yarn for Knitting, Crochet, Weaving & Knotting

**Length of Presentation:** 3 hour or 1 day depending on depth

**Minimum/maximum number of students:** 1 to 20 depending on room.

**Ability level:** Intermediate to Advanced

**Description:**

Do not throw out that silk blouse just because it is stained or torn. Recycle silk fabric from sewing scraps and discarded clothing into new yarns. Learn to create the yarns for elegant jackets, sweaters and household items in recycled re-spun silk.

**Title:** Comprehensive Spinning for Beginners

**Length of Presentation:** 2-3 day workshop

**Minimum/maximum number of students:** 1 to 20 depending on room.

**Ability level:** No knowledge to beginning spinners

**Description:**

I will start slow with basic flyer type wheels. Students will learn about fiber types, washing, carding and spinning the fiber. This class will use wool as a foundation but progress to mohair silk and cotton at the end of the three days. Students learn what to look for while purchasing fibers and equipment. At the end of this workshop students should be able to spin a balanced two ply wool yarn and a manageable single.

**Title:** Comprehensive Spinning for Intermediate Spinners

**Length of Presentation:** 2-3 day workshop

**Minimum/maximum number of students:** 1 to 20 depending on room.

**Ability level:** Intermediate to Advanced

**Description:**

Starting with a quick refresher on wheels and equipment we will introduce point wheels, charkas and spindles (Turkish, drop and various supported). Then we move onto deciding what fiber is most appropriate for each project—dozens of options are discussed. Students will acquire more depth in their knowledge of fleece properties and types to be able to select the appropriate type fleece for a project. We will move from basic hand carding techniques to unique useful techniques as well as drumcarding and wool combing. Safety of wool combs will be emphasized. With the introduction of these tools student will learn blending of angora, dog hair, alpaca, cotton and cashmere with their wool. Finally students will learn numerous plying techniques including Navajo and cables.

**Title:** All Comprehensive Spinning for Advanced Spinners

**Length of Presentation:** 1 day each

**Minimum/maximum number of students:** 1 to 20 depending on room and tables available.

**Ability level:** Advanced

**Description:**

**Workshop 1:**

How Fine the Silk: Students will learn to push the limits of spinning fine silk from bombyx mori, tussah, noil, caps or mawata, sliver and brick. Students will learn to spin the fine silk appropriately for knits, crochet, warp and weft of woven fabric and scarves. Selecting and tuning the right wheel, picking the best fiber and fiber preparations, spinning technique and plying will enhance a well rounded spinner's skills.

**Workshop 2:**

How Fine the Wools: Students will learn to push the limits of spinning fine wool from Merino and Rambouillet. Students will learn to spin the fine wool appropriately for knits, crochet, warp and weft of woven fabric and scarves using appropriate techniques for the end product. Selecting and tuning the right wheel, picking the best fiber and fiber preparations, spinning technique and plying will enhance a well rounded spinner's skills.

**Workshop 3:**

How Fine the Exotics: Students will learn to push the limits of spinning cashmere, cria, kid mohair, camel down, cat and dog down either by itself or blended with fine wool and silk. Students will learn to spin the exotics appropriately for knits, crochet, warp and weft of woven fabric and scarves using appropriate techniques for the end product. Selecting and tuning the right wheel, picking the best fiber and fiber preparations, spinning technique and plying will enhance a well rounded spinner's skills.