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Teach Yourself Visually Handspinning (Teach Yourself Visually Consumer)



Synopsis

With its soothing, meditative effect, handspinning is a relaxing hobby, and the beautiful yarns you create are an even better reward. This visual guide shows you the basics, beginning with the tools and fibers, and takes you through spinning, plying, making novelty yarns, using exotic fibers, dyeing, and more. Whether you use an inexpensive hand spindle or splurge on a spinning wheel, stick with wool or try alpaca, cashmere, or cotton, you'll learn how to create fun, original, one-of-a-kind yarns that you can knit or weave into truly unique, handmade, and all-natural creations. Concise two-page lessons show you all the steps to a skill and are ideal for quick review. The skill demonstrated is defined and described. Detailed color photos demonstrate each step. Step-by-step instructions accompany each photo. Helpful tips provide additional guidance.

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Customer Reviews

JUDITH MACKENZIE McCUIN is a nationally known master weaver, spinner, and fiber artist. She teaches handspinning, weaving, knitting, and dyeing around the country, and has led textile tours in Europe and Asia. Her articles are regularly featured in Spin-Off magazine.

I bought this book as it was recommended in a video by Paay Anne that I had bought on spinning. It is a wonderful book that explains everything you should know about spinning. It has many clear, color, well photographed pictures showing things step by step. For people like me who need to see something, not just read about a technique it is great. As it says in the title,

Teach yourself visually. It has all you would want to know about fibers, how to prepare them, what tools you need for preparation and how to use them. Different kinds of spinning wheels and tools are shown and explained to help you choose what you need. How to spin in different ways and how to spin different types of fibers to get different yarns. What to do with the yarns after you have spun them. How to ply, make cabled yarn and novelty yarns. She even gets into weaving and tells you how to make a small Tapestry loom. She ends with a glossary. All in all it is a most complete book with everything you want or should know about spinning. I am so happy I heard about it from Patty Anne. If I could give it 10 stars, I would. I by the way am David's wife, not David.

I now have several of the teach yourself something "visually" books, and I think they're great. Not everyone can pick up a book and learn something new, but for some of us that's the absolute best way. The two I have on spinning, this one and one on dying the yarn, are really helpful. There's lots of detail, simple explanations, and I have learned a lot from both of them. Definitely worth the purchase, and quite helpful for those of us who can learn a new skill by reading about it. I am SOOOO enjoying this process of learning to spin. Funny--something they were doing out of absolute necessity with wooly mammoth fur gazillions of years ago is still useful, fulfilling and fun today. (And not being sure how names will show up in this review process, and given the fact our account is under my husband's name, this is the Wife talking . . .)

I used this book along with some others to teach myself to spin. Very nice and handy book but I needed a couple other books to go with it to help clarify what I needed to do as I learned to spin. I gave it 4 stars because of the amount of great info. Its a favorite and a great reference book but I couldn't learn to spin from this book alone. Now that I know how to spin, I frequently look back at this book for fiber info and different tips and techniques.

I gave this book as a gift to a dear friend interested in spinning. She loves it. Very organized and well written.

I found this is a great book for the beginning spinner. It covers both wheel & spindle spinning which is very helpful. It allows you to get a feeling for the basics. The pictures help to illustrate the text in the book. Though as always, I wish there were more images as I find I learn best visually. It certainly can't replace having someone to help you learn. But if you can't find a spinning group in your area, this is a great way to start. I also found that because it goes over different fibers and how to spin

them, it will be useful beyond just the beginner. Given the amount of space devoted to pictures, do not expect this to cover everything. But I found that is was the best purchase I could have made as a beginner. I reference it again and again.

Aube's Maple and Red Oak Top Whorl Drop SpindleÂ This is an excellent introduction to hand spinning. The book covers kinds of spindles, kinds of fiber and how to card it, and a good visual guide on how to use the spindle. It is very thorough and as stated above a very good beginner's guide to hand spinning. The spindle above is a good illustration of the type of spindle that is used to teach the novice how to spin with a top spindle. The author also introduces and explains about bottom whorl drop spindles.

I love the book! It has perfect explanations with pictures that show exactly what the author is teaching. I highly recommend it to everyone who spins or wants to spin.

I am a new spinner and I found much useful information in this book. The pictures are clear and the text answered many of my beginner questions. This is a great resource when paired with any beginner dvd. Judith McCuin is a wonderful teacher.

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