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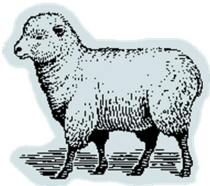
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What would you like to learn to do?

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For more information

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# Fox Valley Spinning Guild

Sharing the love of all fiber arts in the Fox Valley since 1976

The Fox Valley Spinning Guild was formed in 1976 by a group of spinners in the Appleton Wisconsin area. Our meetings are open to anyone interested in spinning or any other fiber arts. We have people who have spun many miles of yarn and others who are on their first mile. We have felters, knitters, weavers, crocheters, and rug hookers. We spin many types of fibers and share many different ideas. We teach and we learn. You could say we are a support group for spinners and other fiber artists!

Guild members are available to do demonstrations for schools, community groups, museums, and other organizations.

**Meetings**

2nd Monday, every month, 6:00 Social time / 7:00pm

**Location**

Winnebago County University of Wisconsin-Extension  
625 E County Rd Y # 600, Oshkosh, WI 54903



## Hand spinning

Hand spinning is the art of twisting fiber, fleece, or roving of wool, silk, alpaca, angora, mohair, flax, etc. into a continuous thread by using a spinning wheel or drop spindle.

The thread can be spun thick or thin, plied or unplied, and can later be dyed or left natural. Handspun yarn can be used for knitting, and weaving projects. You can also use unspun fiber for knitting, weaving and felting.

Like many art forms, hand spinning can be done in a variety of ways, which makes it so exciting. Whether you take a traditional or contemporary approach, we are delighted to share with you the joy in hand spinning fiber into yarn.

## Hand spindles

For centuries, the hand spindle played a role in producing thread and yarn. It is still a tool used in parts of the world today. The form and function of the spindle is basically the same everywhere. It has a very simple design consisting of a shaft and a weight. The materials used to make the spindle in the past consisted of whatever was readily available at the time. The majority of the spindles available, today, have wooden shafts with a wooden disc as the whorl (weight). The type of yarn you want to produce and the type of fiber being used determine choosing the type of spindle to use.



## Styles of the Spinning Wheel

There are several brands of spinning wheel on the market today. Although they have different names, they basically follow the traditional styles of spinning wheel from the past. The Saxony wheel is the most popular style of wheel for beginners, while the Great Wheel is generating new interest from advanced hand spinners. The upright wheel, known as the castle wheel is a popular choice for spinners who want to be able to transport their wheel. There are also models that fold up for traveling. Avoid choosing a spinning wheel just because of the way it looks, without first understanding its working capabilities. Many factors should be considered when selecting a spinning wheel. Here are a few of the traditional styles for spinning wheel.



Great Wheel



Saxony Wheel



Castle Wheels



## Notes

