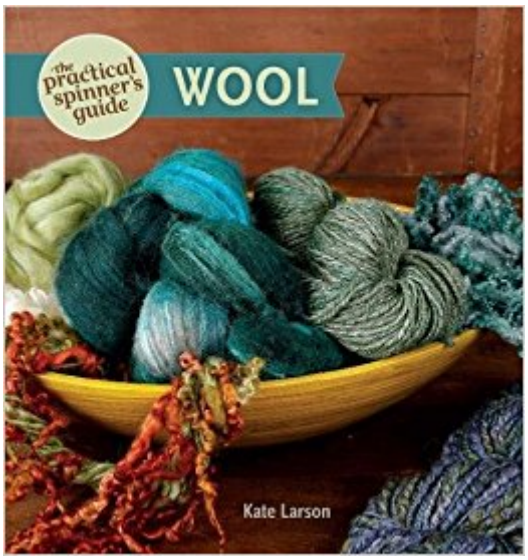
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Synopsis

All you need to know about spinning wool--from sheep to knits!Spinners have been creating beautiful yarns from wool for thousands of years, but we still have unanswered questions. How do you choose a fleece? Should you process your fleece by hand or send it to a mill? What kind of prepared fibers are available, and what should you do with them? Fiber artist and shepherdess Kate Larson answers these and many other questions in The Practical Spinner's Guide: Wool. Topics include:An overview of sheep breeds and the characteristics of their fleeceWashing, carding, combing, and blending fibersPurchasing and working with prepared fibersTechniques for spinning and plying wool to achieve the right yarn for your projectsAdvice on caring for fibers to protect them from unwanted pests and other problemsWhether you're working with fleeces sheared from your own flock or spinning indie dyed fibers, you'll find a wealth of useful, valuable, and practical information in The Practical Spinner's Guide: Wool.

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Customer Reviews

Kate LarsonÃ Â keeps an ever-growing flock of Border Leicester sheep and teaches hand spinning and knitting regularly in central Indiana and around the country. Kate has published articles and designs inÃ Â Spin-Off Magazine,Ã Â Jane Austen Knits, and has several handspinning videos available, includingÃ Â How to Spin Yarn to Knit. Follow her woolly adventures at katelarsontextiles.com.

This is a beautiful book that was clearly written by someone with a deep knowledge and love of her craft. I am relatively new to spinning and working with wool, but I think this is one of those books that I will return to again and again for a long time. It is very readable and easy to understand (the great photographs also really helped me visualize everything that she is describing), but it is also packed full of well-researched information and thoughtful tips that will be interesting and helpful to newbies and seasoned handspinners alike. This book has already taught me so much about the practical, how-to aspects of preparing and spinning wool, and I was pleasantly surprised at how much it has also enriched my understanding of the wider context: sheep breeds and why they matter to handspinners, how woolen mills operate, etc. I'm so thankful to have this by my side as a reference guide when I am working, and when I'm not using it, I am happy to leave it sitting out on my coffee table (there are some seriously gorgeous fleeces and yarns in the photos!).

Very well organized, great information. I've been spinning for about six years now, and got a lot of good information from this book. Mostly because of her clear explanations and great illustrations. As both a spindle and a wheel spinner, I absolutely loved the woolen and worsted drafts illustrated both for wheel AND for spindle. There are subtle drafting differences with the spindle. Highly recommended.

Kate Larson is one of the most talented yarn-wizards I have ever met. And she is a generous teacher and such a kind-hearted individual. Her book is all of these things. Wonderful information, lots of great hints for managing your spinning practice, and fantastic information about using wool for fiber art. I am a fairly new spinner and Kate's tips--everything from picking a fleece (I'm reviewing that right now for a fleece-buying excursion) to carding and combs to actually spinning--is so helpful. Beautiful photos. Indispensable information. I love this book.

My friend suggested this book. She said it was one of the best-and it is.

Kate Larson is such a gifted shepherdess, spinner, designer, knitter and all around wonderful person. Now add author to the list. This is a wonderful resource for "wool crafters" at all levels. Highly recommend

If I could give it 100 stars I would. I have taken spinning classes from Kate and she approaches this book like she does everything. She puts so much love and excitement in what she does. Many

times in class I just listen to her talk about all the things she has done and about all the different yarns. Her enthusiasm is contagious. Buy this book. It is a great read.

Kate Larson is an excellent spinning instructor and this was very good.

This is an easy read and this book gave me information all the others left out.

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