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# The Practical Spinner's Guide - Silk



## Synopsis

Explore silk--an alluring and exotic fiber for spinners! The Practical Spinner's Guide: Silk teaches spinners how to create smooth lustrous yarns from a gorgeous but tricky and sometimes intimidating fiber in this second installment in a series of fiber specific books. Author Sara Lamb discusses the various forms in which silk is available--combed top, bricks, noils, hankies, and bells--and how best to card, prep, and spin them, specifically touching on trouble spots such as drafting and adding twist. She also covers finishing yarns--cleaning and degumming, setting twist, and plying--and even touches on what dye processes are best for adding color, as well as how to blend silk into other spinning fibers. Sara includes brief discussions on spinning for both knitting and weaving, the properties of woven and knitted fabric, and what the spinner needs to take into account while creating yarn for a subsequent project.

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This book was all I expected and more! I was timid about working with silk before I purchased Sara Lamb's book on spinning silk. She touches on everything one needs to know on silk spinning; the different types and grades, dying, spinning, weaving, knitting, as well as examples of her mistakes from her personal experiences of working with silk. The pictures are quite beautiful and it is obvious that she is a very talented fiber artist! The information she shares in her book is much needed info that is usually only barely touched upon in other spinning books. I love silk and am very excited to

begin spinning it on its' own. Previously, I was a bit intimidated to try spinning silk without blending with other fibers, and attempting to dye it was something I have only thought of doing! After reading Sara's book, I feel more confident about working with silk. It's all here; everything you need to know about working with silk!! I highly recommend this for anyone that has ever wanted to work with silk fiber but was intimidated! Well worth the price!!

I bought this book as another reference for my spinning yarn library. It had a lot of good information in it about the different kinds of silk that one can obtain to spin along side the history of the author's challenges in learning to spin yarn to weave. My issue with this book was it skewed more towards spinning to weave and not for those who knit or, like me, crochet. But the information is good and I found it to be a good addition to my library.

Excellent resource. Clearly written and good illustrations. A must have for serious and hobby spinners.

Very comprehensive.

Sara Lamb knows her stuff! If you wish to know everything about spinning silk, how to make it luster from soup to nuts, it is here!!!

love the book very informative

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