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Spin Control: Techniques for Spinning the Yarn You Want Amy King

Create original handspun yarns with non-traditional approaches using Amy King's ***Spin Control: Techniques for Spinning the Yarns You Want*** (Interweave, \$22.95, June 2009). With Amy's tools to create beautiful, functional handspun yarn, spinners will learn to show off their originality while producing the yarn of their dreams.

The spinner's dilemma:

Beginning spinners are often told to treasure their first, fat, bumpy yarn because once they get more practice on the wheel that yarn will be impossible to duplicate. And, after they learn to spin on the wheel, many spinners get stuck in a rut and perfect only one technique, churning out the same yarn type over and over again.

There is another way:

A handspinner can make yarn with all kinds of characteristics, the kind of yarn that has knitters and crocheters going to the yarn store: soft, bulky singles, durable cabled yarns with terrific stitch definition, tweedy yarns with rich texture and color, and even serviceable 3-ply that holds up to heavy use.

The spinner's solution: *Spin Control!*

With ***Spin Control***, spinners can learn to make handspun yarns that have the traits they look for in commercial yarns but with their own unique style, such as a lovely laceweight yarn for a silk shawl, but with two different plies, or a traditional wool yarn for an Aran sweater, but made with red tweed flecks. Amy King, a teacher, store owner, fiber source, and owner of Spunky Eclectic, teaches spinners how to combine techniques and adjust their wheels to create a variety of yarns they never would've imagined.

Plus, ***Spin Control*** has additional information on core spinning techniques as well as other non-traditional approaches to spinning. Amy takes the spinner off the beaten path of classic yarns and shows off the exciting opportunities of novelty yarns.

**SPIN CONTROL:
TECHNIQUES FOR SPINNING THE YARN YOU WANT
Amy King**

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