

# The Crafty Housewife Yarns Spinolution Wheel Guide

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# How I came to love SpinOlution Wheels

Hi there, my name is Erin James and I'm the owner and creative director at Crafty Housewife Yarns. When I learned to spin my first wheel was a Louet S17 which I loved. I loved the simple design and strong uptake. Once we moved to Knoxville TN and our business really started to grow I was looking to get a wheel that would be better suited to travel with our two small children, cavalier spaniel and all that goes with that. After much agonizing I choose the SpinOlution Pollywog. As soon as I took it out of the box and it was virtually ready to spin on ( big difference from my first wheel which I had to totally assembly and varnish) it was love at first sight for sure. My husband and I both loved the slick design with the ball bearings that did not require oiling as well as how fast and easy to spin it was. Needless to say it wasn't long before my mom decided she wanted the louet and I was buying a King Bee as my new production wheel.

This was when I added a Spinolution dealership to my fiber business and I've loved making videos and helping others learn to spin ever since. If you've seen our site at all you'll know that working with small businesses especially American farms and Artisans. This is one of the big reasons I love Spinolution Wheels I love that they are designed and built with American wood in our two shops in Washington State( our old home) and California.

Since starting I have become one of the top dealers in the company which I think has had a lot to do with my commitment to helping people select the right wheel and feel comfortable with their decision weather it's their first wheel to learn on or the newest addition to their collection.

After answering hundreds of questions and making may videos for free on our Youtube Channel I wanted to create this guide as a way of helping people to make this important decision if they are considering a SpinOlution wheel

# Let's Consider Travel

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One of the first questions I ask people is how important is portability to you? This can vary greatly from person to person, some people want a large centerpiece for a home studio and others want a wheel that can go everywhere with them.

If you want a wheel that travels I would highly recommend the [Bullfrog](#), [Pollywog](#), [Firefly](#), [Hopper](#) or any of the [Bee's](#)

The Bee's fold entirely into a box, the pollywog is small and lite and can fit basically anywhere. The Bullfrog is sort of a hybrid between a studio wheel and a travel wheel because it does take up a bit more room but it folds at the neck and has a handle.

The Firefly is our extremely popular electric wheel. Depending on the size of the flyer head you wanted it would be small enough for travel depending on if you were going somewhere with electricity. The Hopper is the most "unusual" of our wheels and it is defiantly travel friendly even though in my opinion I would prefer one of the Bee's just because they fold up less bulky. That's just a personal preference

# Studio Wheel With Options

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One of the most fantastic reasons to buy a SpinoLution Wheel is the option to purchase one of our modular wheels. A modular wheel is a wheel where you can purchase more than one flyer head size so you can switch out the top half of the wheel for greater options all in one wheel.

Our modular wheels are [Monach](#), [Echo](#), & [Firefly](#). The Monach is our largest studio wheel, it's really a showstopper and has a lot of power per push and would be a great production wheel. It is the heaviest and would not be recommended for extensive travel. The Firefly is the electric equivalent of the Monarch and has all of the same capabilities except electric. The Echo is extremely popular, it is a slightly smaller version of the monarch and is renowned for its super smooth spinning. It also is a modular wheel and can handle multiple bobbin sizes.

You can buy any of these wheels with the option of just one flyer head size and 3 bobbins but I always recommend customers considering one of these three to consider one of our packages. It's a much better deal to get all of the accessories and alternative flyer head together. These do not come with a built in lazy kate so getting that included with the packages is really a great benefit. It would be like getting two wheels in one and all of the extras all together.

# Affordability?



Trust me I know the importance of considering price when looking at a spinning wheel. While spinning is a very rewarding craft it's not necessarily a super cheap one. If price is a concern these are my suggestions.

The **Pollywog base model** is fabulous all by itself. While it is small and billed as great for beginners or a travel wheel I truly enjoy spinning on it for many occasions. You could definitely pick up the base model first and then if you wanted to get the **12 oz upgrade** later if you found you wanted extra bobbin size for yardage or or chunky yarn spinning. With a built in lazy kate, 3 bobbins and the golden whorl technology for smooth thin spinning its a gem.

While more expensive than the pollywog the **Bullfrog** is a fantastic deal in my option. It come with 3, 16 oz bobbins which is a very versatile size or you can choose to get it with 2, 8oz and 1 , 16 for bobbin options. Like a big sister to the pollywog it also comes with a built in lazy kate which is a huge savings. With the standard big bobbins for large yarns and golden whorl quick smooth spinning for thin yarns it's really the best of both worlds and you'd never need to buy anything else.

# Video Reference

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One of my favorite parts of becoming a dealer with SpinOlution has been to opportunity to make videos to help people who don't live close to a spinners guild or local dealer. Below are some links to some of my most popular Spinolution videos. Seeing some of these features in action may help you decide which is your personal favorite. If you ever have a topic you'd like to see covered please email me at [erin@craftyhousewifeyarns.com](mailto:erin@craftyhousewifeyarns.com)

[Please click here to check out this entire playlist on different spinolution reviews and topics. Below are some of the most popular but there are many more. If you enjoy these videos please subscribe to our channel it helps keep us around to help others](#)

[Review of two affordable wheels\( featuring the Pollywog\)](#)

[Spinning Thin yarn on Large bobbins](#)

[Notes on the unusual Bee style treadle](#)

[Comparison of Bullfrog, Bee, pollywog](#)

[How to decide between the larger bullfrog and smaller pollywog, \( pros and cons\)](#)

[Christina Mossaad of Chromatic dyenamics reviews her Echo!](#)

# Thank you for taking the time to learn about our wheels!

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I love helping people learn to spin for the first time or get going on a new wheel. I'm so thankful for all of the support and good feedback since we started our YouTube Channel and Spinoluton Dealership. Your patronage is a big part of how we can continue to grow our family business and keep creating great free content online. **To show my appreciation to anyone purchasing a wheel I'd love to offer you a complimentary admittance to our "Spinning the Basic's online mini course" & a secret fiber surprise.** If you'd like more information please contact me at [erin@craftyhousewifeyarns.com](mailto:erin@craftyhousewifeyarns.com)

