

Homework Module 5

Different fibers

Ok it's time to start thinking about designing your first yarn!

At this point I'm going to assume you've done a fair bit of practice in the last two modules. You are NOT expected to be perfect at this point so don't stress out.

Now that you can attach some fiber to your leader thread and get some sort of yarn being made you're ready to move on a bit if you like.

In the last homework I had you make some notes on what type of spinning you preferred. Also which fiber type did you like spinning from best at this point? From braids or batts? You may change your mind as you grow as a spinner but this is just what you like now.

So now let's consider what you want to make this yarn for?

Chunky for weaving? some bulky knitting yarn for a cute hat? Some thinner single ply for a crochet project?

Now that you've thought that out let's look through the videos in Module 5 and think about fibers and preps.

Here's some notes

- ◆ Want fluffy wispy rustic yarn? Let's go with a Woolen spinning technique from a Rolag or Art batt.
- ◆ Want well behaved compact yarn for knitting or crochet? Let's get a merino braid and strip and pre draft it and spin it with a short worsted style technique.
- ◆ Want something somewhere in the middle or just want to go crazy? Find a fiber you really love that speaks to you and then find the video on this module that is most like what you found and then just spin the way it seems most natural with your chosen fiber.
- ◆ If you want a thinner yarn get with the pre striping and pre drafting this will make your life much easier and your yarn much more even. Thicker art yarn you say? Well don't break down your fiber so small before spinning that way you'll have thicker pieces to start from.

Now that you've gathered your supplies and thought out your game plan for how you want to spin it you can get started. Just remember this is a process. I just want to give you the tools you need to think like an artist and really plan out what you want to make and then create it OR find a fiber you just love and then spin it the way that will most bring it to life !

Now get to spinning! It may not turn out just like you want this first time but at least you'll be learning as you go and making some cool yarn in the mean time. I suggest some of the free patterns on our site for what to do with some of that " rustic" yarn from learning. (the fisherman's cowl makes everything look great!)