

Workshop Title: Cotton 101

Duration: 1-2 days

Materials fee: \$45.00 per person, includes notebook and fiber samples

Level: Intermediate

Class size limit: 15

Synopsis

Participants will spin small samples of a variety of cotton types and preparations. We will cover cotton types and their properties including upland, Pima, and Egyptian, Sea Island, and naturally colored cottons from North and South America. We will spin samples of all of these cottons in commercial preparations --carded, drawn, combed and roving as well as hand made punis from India.

The intermediate designation assumes the participants know how to spin cotton; spinning instruction is not included in this class.

Learning Objectives

1. Learn about the different cotton species and their qualities
2. Learn about commercial preparations and their qualities
3. Learn to spin the different preparations
4. Complete a sample notebook of species and preparations

Students should bring

Enthusiasm

Pen or pencil

Spinning wheel, charkha, or takli