

The Charka is one of the oldest known forms of the spinning wheel. This wheel is turned by hand and the yarn spun off the tip of the spindle.

Compact and light weight it is a great travelling wheel. The accelerated countershaft gives a very high ratio of 80:1 ideal for spinning fine short fibres such as cotton, silk, angora or fine wool. When driving the spindle directly the ratio is 16:1 ideal for spinning medium length fibres. The 23cm (9ins) wheel can be assembled with the crank handle on either the left or right hand side. It is light and smooth to turn as the wheel, spindle and countershaft all rotate on ball bearings. The spindle is tapered, made from 4mm (5/32in) stainless steel and holds a large amount of spun singles. It can also be used as a bobbin winder. The spindle can be rotated sideways for safe storage and transportation. The drive belt is long lasting stretchy polycord. This upright Charka has non-slip rubber feet, convenient for tabletop spinning and is prefinished with Danish oil.



## The Ashford Book of Hand Spinning by Jo Reeve

This new book published in 2010 is by fibre artist Jo Reeve. Jo, the author of the very popular Ashford Book of Carding, has twenty-seven years of spinning experience and will show you how to spin from the beginning through to advanced techniques. Learn how to spin unique yarns using different techniques and fibres and make five easy projects using your handspun yarn. Full colour and step by step instructions will take you on a new journey of creativity. 116 pages.



### Models

- Danish oil finish

### Specifications

Wheel diameter	23cm (9ins)
Ratios	16, 80
Weight	2.4kg (5.3lbs)
Timber	Danish oiled Silver Beech hardwood
Ball bearings	

### Included accessories

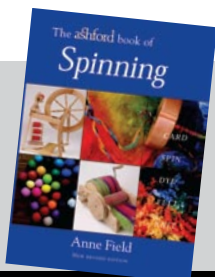
- Learn to spin booklet

### Optional accessories available

- Niddy Noddy – wind yarn directly from the bobbin into 1.5m (5ft) skeins
- Sampler Niddy Noddy – make small, sample 90cm (1yd) skeins
- Ashford Teak Wax - protect and restore the wood
- Yarn Gauge – ascertain the yarn gauge

### Maintenance

Wax your wheel regularly with Ashford Teak Wax, furniture oil or polish.



## The Ashford Book of Spinning by Anne Field

Regarded as the foremost text on spinning and first published in 1986, The Ashford Book of Spinning is a comprehensive and clear step-by-step guide. Includes techniques to spin wool and other fibres, how to create novelty yarns, dye and felt, and projects using your

handspun yarn for knitting, crocheting and weaving. 160 pages.

Spinning and Weaving the Ashford way DVD or Video. Assembly, spinning, plying, carding, warping and weaving.

