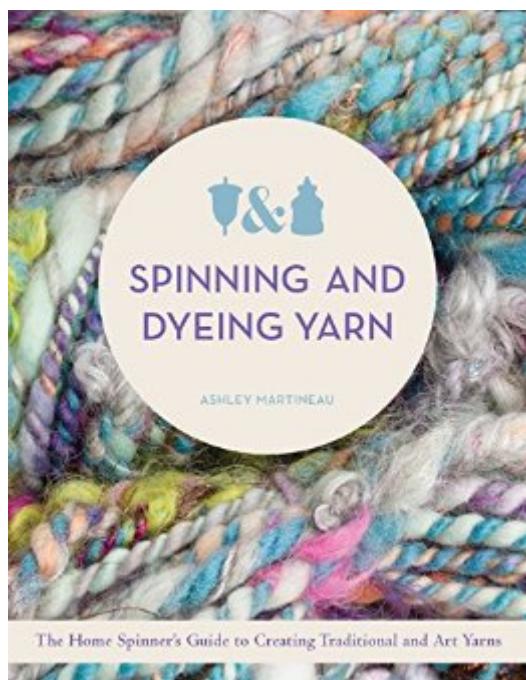


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# SPINNING AND DYEING YARN



## **Synopsis**

When it comes to yarn, fiber lovers know that spinning and dyeing go hand in hand. Yet many books on the yarn craft cover only one topic or the other. In *Spinning and Dyeing Yarn*, fiber artist Ashley Martineau covers both subjects with rich, illustrative detail and step-by-step tutorials. Simply put, this book a must have for fiber enthusiasts of all levels

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## **Customer Reviews**

When I didn't know a lot about spinning or dyeing, I thought this book was helpful. I do admire the book's focus on DIY, low-cost ways to get started, since this can be such an expensive hobby. It's beautifully put together and is really inspirational. The more I learned, though, the more I grew frustrated with the lack of detailed instruction in some areas. Instructions for dyeing are basically "put dye in a pot with wool--see what happens!" Not even any guideline measurements to get started. How much water? How much fiber? How much dye? I also find it a bit troubling that a book with little technical detail would include an entire section on marketing your work as a professional spinner/dyer. For example, in the section on hand-painted roving, the heating instructions just say to microwave the fiber. Well, yes, that will adhere some dye to the fiber. But heat needs to be applied

to fiber for at least thirty minutes, give or take, for the dye to be as washfast as possible (and even then a lot of dyes have issues). So if someone microwave dyes their roving and throws it on an Etsy shop, someone's going to get roving that bleeds and fades way faster than something prepared more appropriately. This is just one example of techniques that are absolutely fine to use at home, but probably not appropriate for product intended to sell. I ended up wondering if the author uses these techniques in her own product. It's hard to imagine she doesn't have more knowledge than this, and that just makes me wonder why she didn't share some of it. You don't need to give away trade secrets to make the instructions complete. This is a good starter book, but honestly you can pretty quickly find books that surpass this, depending on what you're looking for.

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