

January 2024 Spinning Challenge - Not to be started until 1st January 2024 ☺

One for everyone to join in: – a spinning “hack” to share with the rest of the group to be collected and shared with the guild at the end of the challenge. This can be eg. a tip for cleaning fleece, how to find a lost end on a bobbin, a “Do” or “Don’t” of fibre prep – in short anything that makes your spinning life easier. We will collect these, send them to everyone who joins the challenge and hopefully publish them on the website in due course. Please e-mail your suggestion to Sue.

- ◆ Be fluffy – fibre related challenges
 - Spin new kind of wool (from a sheep breed you have not spun before)
 - Spin from a new class of fibre eg: other animal, vegetable or man-made fibre
 - Make a blend of different fibres and/or colours and spin the result
 - 1. Spin an old/the oldest fibre from your stash
 - 2. Make a marl from two or more singles each spun from a different fleece, fibre or colour

- ◆ Be skillful – technique related challenges
 - Use a new piece of equipment
 - 3. Spin long or short draw or spin off the fold(over the finger/thumb) – whichever you do least often
 - Spin fleece/top if you usually spin top/fleece
 - 4. Do some fancy plying eg crepe, cable, spiral plying, etc
 - 5. Go wild or wacky and spin an art yarn with texture and bright colour – state or show a picture of your inspiration

- ◆ Be bold – spin in different situations
 - 6. Spin outdoors for half an hour wearing wrist warmers, warm clothing, a hat and gloves
 - 7. Spin in public
 - Meet up with one or more fellow spinners to spin together for an hour and share a cup of tea or coffee
 - 8. Drop spin while out walking
 - 9. Join one of the zoom calls each week during the month of the challenge

- ◆ Be constructive – make something
 - 10. Make a small item for loan to the guild for summer show displays (to be returned in the autumn)
 - Start a large item to be finished during the year for a Christmas 23 show and tell
 - 11. Finish a spinning project
 - 12. Spin a fibre sample (around 25g) for the guild, leave some fibre unspun, make a sample of how the yarn might be used ge knitted/woven/crocheted/bobbin lace etc. This will be used to start a guild “Samples Library” which members can look at and which can be displayed at the summer shows.
 - 13. Spin a yarn made from waste (carding/combing noil;loom waste;old newspaper;old t-shirts etc – be creative)

- ◆ Be silly
 - 14. Spin with pet/person on your lap;
 - 15. Spin at a wheel standing up
 - 16. Spin blindfold
 - 17. Spin with your hands the other way round
 - 18. Improvise a piece of spinning equipment from normal household items