

A New Spindle Toy

One of the vendors that I really "discovered" at Stitches West (where I seem to only hear about cool things after I have left) was the [KCL Woods](#) booth - Ken Ledbetter has been making spindles and other wooden goodness for a while. Ken himself introduced me to his very lovely modular spindles, which have a number of shafts that can be unscrewed, then you pop on a new one, and keep going. I loved the concept, took his card.

A couple of weeks ago I finally looked seriously at the website, emailed Carol, his wife, and began a lovely email correspondence to get exactly what I wanted. Seriously, the customer service is simply great.

Yesterday, on a day when I really needed a pick-me-up, the new spindle and shafts came. From the side, they look good:



But I am SO pleased with the whorl. To me, it looks like a lovely cross, maybe with a bit of a Celtic flair (I think the Celtic Christians were amazing ahead of their time):

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In other news, I'm ready to send socks to the husband of a friend, who's on location for his work. They are big - Men's Size 10 1/2. This is how big a pair of socks you can apparently knit with a 100 g skein of Regia yarn (knit toe up - [details are here](#)):

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