

Spindle Spinning the Lazy Way

Over a year ago I bought an interchangeable spindle from KCL Woods, which has multiple shafts that screw into the top whorl of the spindle. And I have spun lovely yarn with this spindle:



But I didn't have a Lazy kate to go with these spindles. A Lazy Kate is a spinning tool that allows one to place the spun singles each onto a place from where you can combine, or "ply" the individual yarns together. If one owns a spinning wheel, you usually buy a Lazy Kate to put the bobbins onto.

I tried this little combo with a clear Lucite container:

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It didn't work very well - the yarn kept getting caught in edges and on the spindle. The Shoe box version worked about the same. The best luck I had was with letting the shafts wander over the floor, but then the singles would get caught in each other. Plying sucked. Well, KCL Woods has a [Lazy Kate for its spindles](#), and I finally bought one:

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and I spun a couple of sample yarns that my lovely friend Judy (who is in the middle of buying a manufactured home and blogs about it at [Wine, Spinning and Song](#)) gave me. One single was pure wool, the other a lovely wool-silk blend (the shiny one on the bottom):



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I put the spindles into the Lazy Kate and made some very lovely yarn!



Using this tool with the interchangeable spindle is now pretty efficient - it saves any rewinding of the cop onto another device, and I can now ply straight from the shaft of the spun singles. It also make me want to figure out how to transfer the cops from my other spindles onto a set of sticks that can go into the Lazy Kate too. I will spin more if I can make it more efficient, and spindle spinning is very portable!

The yarn I spun is very delicious in color and feel - I'm hoping to find a tad more yarn to combine with it for a lovely cowl as a gift.

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