Spinning on the Ettrick “Windwheel”

1. FOLDING Ensure that there is a bobbin on the spindle, and that the tension screw is in place. Hold the top of the wheel while unscrewing the thumbscrew at the back, and gently lower the wheel until it rests on the legs. Ensure that the treadle is in the lowest position before folding the wheel.

2. UNFOLDING Swing the wheel up until the back is upright then screw up the thumbscrew. Check that the belt passes under the pulley. The smooth side of the belt contacts the pulley.

3. LUBRICATION The ball bearings in the wheel and treadle pulley require no lubrication as they are packed with grease for life. Oil the bobbin shaft sparingly each time you change the bobbin. Household or sewing machine is suitable. Avoid spilling oil on the tensioner, drive band or friction surface of the pulleys. If the belt becomes oily it may slip: clean the belt and pulleys with a cloth dampened in detergent and dry with a clean cloth. The treadle pivots may be oiled by putting a few drops in the holes on each side of the treadle plate.

4. CHANGING THE BOBBIN Swing the guide loop aside and unscrew the tensioner, remove bobbin and replace.

5. THREADING Stop the wheel with the hooks to the right. Simply put the thread over the hooks and through the guide loop. The guide loop functions best when it is in line with the tension screw.

6. TENSION Check that the tension disc is pressing lightly against the bobbin. To increase tension in the yarn, turn the screw to the right.

7. TREADLING Place your foot on the treadle and tilt it up by pressing down with your heel. This allows the pulley to turn itself to the starting position. Then simply start treadling - You will not need to start the wheel with your hand. The wheel will start in the correct direction (clockwise) for spinning. Use only toe pressure for treadling.

8. PLYING Place full bobbins on the Lazy Kate and lay it on the floor. To ply (anticlockwise rotation), flick the top of the wheel to the left with your hand as you start.

ACCESSORIES
Spare bobbins and additional Lazy Kates.
Spinning chair: The Ettrick Spinning chair is lower than the normal dining chair, and also provides support for your back while spinning.
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