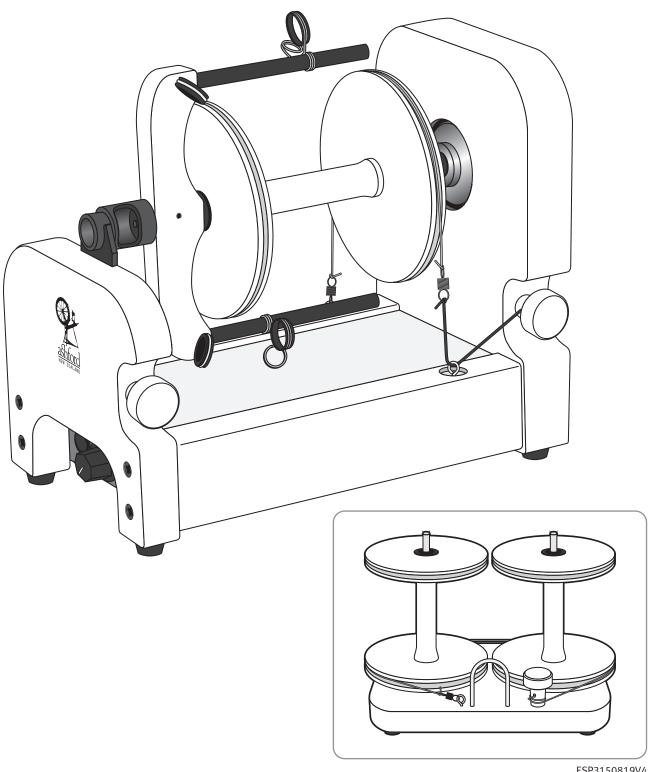


## e-Spinner 3



ESP3150819V4

# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASHFORD e-Spinner 3

Before commencing, please read these instructions completely, identify the parts and note the assembly sequence.

#### **Finish**

Your e-Spinner 3 has been lacquered prior to assembly. If desired Ashford Wax Finish may be applied to further enhance its appearance.

## Tools Required





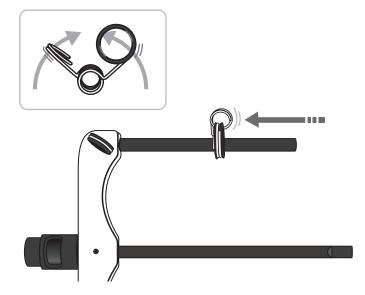


## **Assembly**

**1.** Squeeze and slide the stainless-steel yarn guides onto the flyer arms.

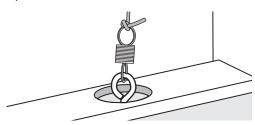
Note the nylon eyes are on the same side. **NOTE:** when spinning at higher RPM it may be necessary to squeeze & rotate whichever yarn guide isn't being used to achieve perfect balance.

**2.** Cut the nylon brake band into 2 pieces, 35 cm for the brake band and 65 cm (14" and 25  $\frac{1}{2}$ ") for the lazy kate. Tie the 35 cm (14") piece to one of the springs attached to a screw eye. Then tie the spring to the brake band allowing approx. 270mm – 280mm (10  $\frac{1}{2}$  – 11") between the springs. See illustration. Thread the tail of the nylon brake band down the inside of the spring & trim off surplus.

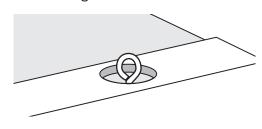


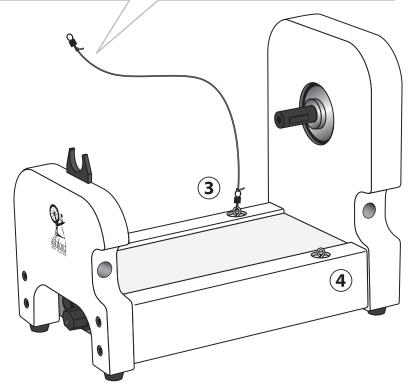


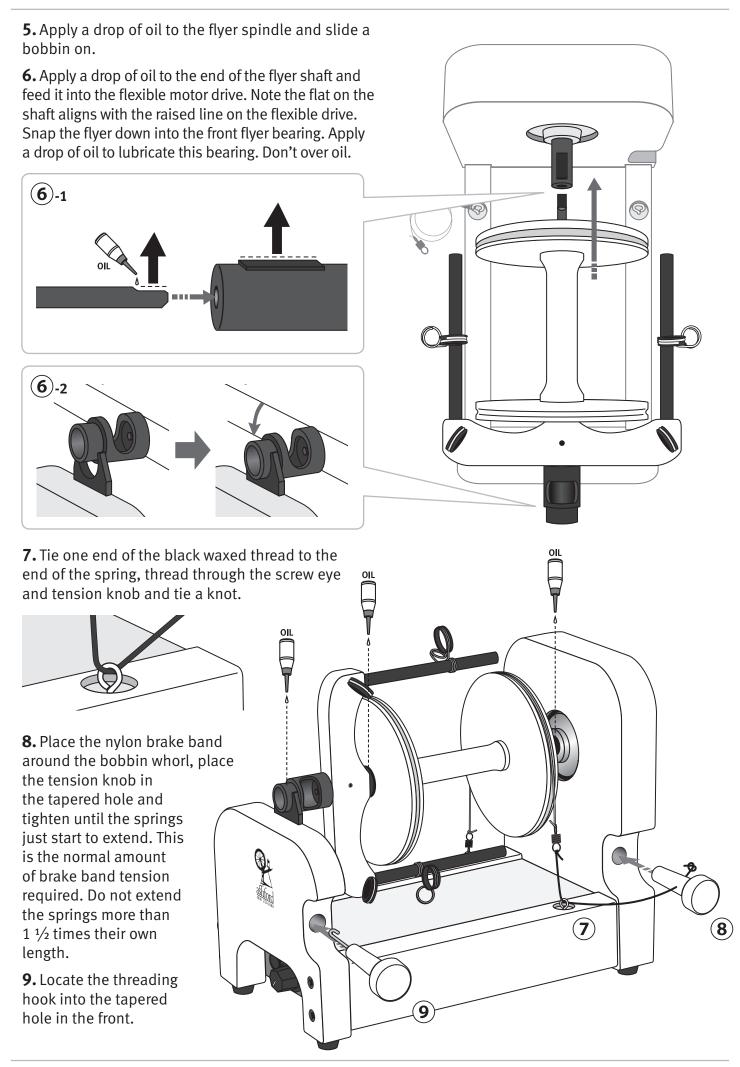
**3.** Thread the screw eye with the tension spring and brake band attached, into the pilot hole in the left-hand side.



**4.** Thread the screw eye into the pilot hole in the right-hand side.



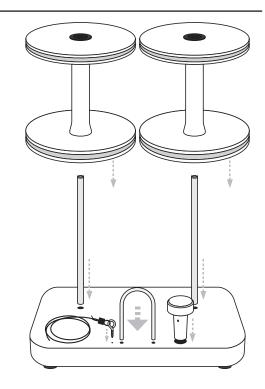




## Lazy kate

- **1.** Tie the 65 cm  $(25\frac{1}{2})$  piece of nylon brake band to the other spring attached to a screw eye. Thread the tail of the nylon brake band down the inside of the spring & trim off surplus.
- **2.** Thread the screw eye with the spring and brake band attached into the pilot hole in the lazy kate base.
- **3.** Gently tap the 2 bobbin pins into the holes in the lazy kate base.
- **4.** Gently squeeze the ends of the yarn guide together and push it into the 2 holes in the lazy kate base.
- **5.** Position the 2 bobbins onto the bobbin pins.
- **6.** Thread the nylon brake band through the hole in the tension knob and tie a knot.
- 7. Place the tension knob in the tapered hole, wrap the nylon brake band around the 2 bobbin whorls and tighten until the spring just starts to extend. This is the normal amount of tension required. Do not extend the spring more than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times its own length.

When plying, feed the 2 ends of your yarn through the yarn guide.



#### Controls

#### **Control Panel**

#### SPIN/PLY (Clockwise/Anticlockwise)

SPIN is for spinning, PLY is for plying. Do not reverse the direction without stopping the motor with the ON/OFF switch.



#### **SPEED**

Start on SLOW and turn the dial clockwise to gradually increase the speed until the desired RPM is reached.

#### ON/OFF

The e-Spinner 3 is fitted with a soft start which results in the motor taking 2-3 seconds to reach the desired speed. This prevents the yarn being jerked out of your hands when starting. When you want to stop always switch the e-Spinner 3 OFF rather than using the speed control. Check the red LED light is off before you leave your e-Spinner 3.

#### **LED Light**

The Red LED light indicates the status of your e-Spinner 3.

#### **Constant On**

The e-Spinner 3 is running normally.

#### Flashing short on/short off

The e-Spinner 3 is on standby. The speed is set to ZERO or the foot switch is OFF.

#### Flashing long on/short off

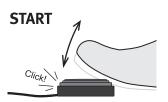
The power pack is under load. This is OK, and you can't harm the e-Spinner 3. However, we recommend you apply a drop of oil to the flyer and bobbin bearings, reduce the brake band tension and reduce speed until the flashing stops.

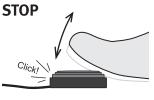
#### **Foot Switch**

If you would like to START and STOP your e-Spinner 3 with the foot switch only, insert the foot switch plug into the FOOT SWITCH hole under the e-Spinner 3. There are two operating modes.

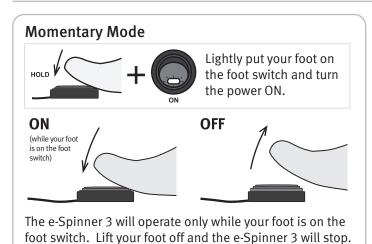
#### **Alternate Mode**







Lightly tap the foot switch to turn the e-Spinner 3 ON and lightly tap again to turn it OFF.



**NOTE:** Ensure the e-Spinner 3 is switched OFF before removing the foot switch plug.

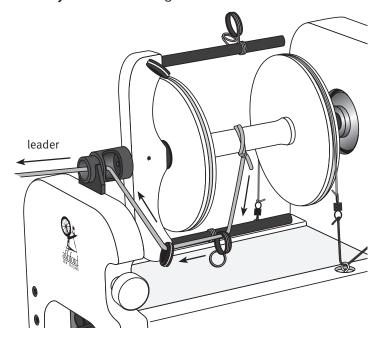


**IMPORTANT:** Avoid tripping over or yanking on the foot switch or power pack cords as this can damage or break the plugs and void your warranty. Please remove both cords when transporting your e-Spinner 3.

## Spinning

**IMPORTANT:** Make sure the flyer has snapped fully into the bearing before starting spinning.

1. Tie a piece of yarn, called a leader, approx. 1metre (1 yard) long to the bobbin. Thread it through the flyer yarn guides with the black inserts on the **right-hand side of the flyer** and out through the orifice.



- **2.** Have your prepared fibres ready to spin.
- **3.** Adjust the tension knob until both springs are only just beginning to stretch.
- **4.** Check the SPIN/PLY switch is on SPIN (down) and the SPEED control is on SLOW. Switch the ON/OFF switch to ON. Gradually turn the SPEED control clockwise until the flyer starts to turn slowly.



- **5.** Allow the leader to start feeding in and commence drafting the prepared fibres onto it.
- **6.** Adjust the SPEED control and tension knob to achieve a comfortable speed and take up. Use the ON/OFF switch or foot switch (rather than the speed control) to stop the motor when moving the position of the yarn guide. This will ensure you recommence at the same speed.
- If your yarn breaks, draft a thicker yarn, increase the speed a little, reduce the brake tension and oil the bearings.
- If your yarn kinks, is over twisted or won't feed on, reduce speed and increase the brake tension a little.

#### Changing the bobbin

- Turn the motor off using the ON/OFF switch or foot switch. Use 2 hands, one either side of the front bearing to lift and snap the flyer out of the bearing. Pull the flyer towards you out of the flexible drive.
- Change the bobbin, then hook the brake band back over the flyer whorl, slide the flyer back into the flexible drive and snap the flyer down into the front bearing.

#### Lubrication

- We recommend Ashford Spinning Wheel Oil be regularly applied to the front flyer and bobbin bearings.
- The bobbin and flyer must revolve freely and independently of each other.
- A drop of Vaseline or oil may be applied to the flexible motor drive to make bobbin changing easier and to minimize noise.
- The ball bearings in the motors may be noisy for the first 5-10 minutes as they "run-in" and the grease is dissipated evenly.

## Plying

- 1. Thread the leader through the flyer yarn guides with the black inserts on the **left-hand side of the flyer**, and out through the orifice. Locate your 2 bobbins of spun yarn onto the lazy kate pins, thread the 2 strands of yarn through the yarn guide and tie them to the leader.
- **2.** Check the SPIN/PLY switch is on PLY (up) and the SPEED control is on SLOW. Switch the ON/OFF switch to ON. Gradually turn the SPEED control clockwise until the flyer starts to turn slowly.



**3.** Allow the leader and your spun yarn to start feeding in. Use the least amount of brake band tension possible.

#### **Orifice Reducer Bush**

- The nylon bush may be inserted into the flyer orifice to reduce the diameter from 15mm (5/8") to 10mm (3/8").
- This is beneficial when spinning finer yarns as it will help prevent the yarn vibrating. By drafting the yarn at about a 45 degree angle to the orifice the vibration will almost be eliminated.
- When spinning or plying thicker yarns, remove the bush.
- When not using the reducer bush store it in the hole in the back.

#### Safety

- 1. Take care to ensure children and pets are always well clear of the e-Spinner when starting or while it is in use.
- 2. Always unplug the power pack from the wall when not in use.
- 3. Never leave the e-Spinner 3 without switching it OFF at the ON/OFF switch.
- 4. Ensure the e-Spinner 3 is switched off before removing the foot switch plug.
- 5. Do not use your e-Spinner 3 in damp or wet conditions.
- 6. Never open the electronic compartment without first disconnecting it from the power supply.

\* For further spinning and plying information refer to "The Ashford Book of Hand Spinning" by Jo Reeve, a 116 page book full of ideas and inspirations for spinners or visit our website www.ashford.co.nz

Accessories - Available from your local Ashford Dealer.

### 12V cigarette cord

so you can spin away from home in your car, caravan, RV, boat or using a battery pack.



#### **Bobbins**

Ashford Jumbo single drive bobbins.



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