

Secret Hand Spun Exchange Challenge

The goal of this exchange is to have some fun, and maybe challenge yourself a little by secretly hand spinning a yarn for a partner! Your partner won't know who you are, but you'll have their yarn wish list to work with to create a yarn just for them!

Participants in this exchange will create a 100g skein of hand spun yarn with the wishes of their secret partner in mind. These skeins will be showcased at the ASH Guild Exhibit in November 2022 (display only, they won't be judged), and recipients may pick up their gifted skein at the end of the exhibit.

At the Exhibit, skeins will be labeled with the spinners details, skein details, and who the skein was made for, and will be displayed with the recipients wish list.

This exchange is open to all members of the ASH Guild.

Budget

Suggested budget: \$15-30 for fibre

Shipping (if required): \$7

Deadlines

February 17th - Sign up opens

March 14th - Sign up closes

March 24th - Secret partners assigned

June 15th - 1st checkin

August 15th - 2nd checkin

September 15th - last day to get skein to the Exhibit committee for display

November 2th - Exhibit opens - Go view your mystery hand spun!

November 30th - Exhibit closes - Take home the skein your partner made you

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT & EXPECTATIONS:

- Lorna Ash is the moderator for this exchange. You can reach her at lolorn4@gmail.com for all questions and check ins related to this exchange. You can also reach her at 902-240-7479.

- Email Lorna with the subject “I’m in for the hand spun exchange!” To confirm that you want to participate in this hand spun yarn exchange.
- Participants will be emailed a Wishlist. **Complete the Wishlist** and return it to the moderator by email.
- This is a SECRET hand spun exchange. When you sign up you will be assigned a secret partner by the moderator, who will provide your partner’s wish list. **Please don’t reveal who your partner is to anyone!**
- Your “secret partner” is the person you are going to spin a skein for, but **you won’t know who is spinning a skein for you.**
 - **Example;** Mary is spinning for her secret partner “Gladys”, but that doesn’t mean Gladys is spinning for Mary! Her secret partner could be anyone participating in the exchange!
- You will receive your secret partner’s Wishlist. Review their Wishlist so you can create a skein of hand spun especially for them. The idea of the exchange is to make something your partner will enjoy and use.
- Hand spun skeins should be a minimum of 100g. You can go over, but keep in mind, you may not receive a skein as generous.
- You can use a commercial yarn/thread or previously spun singles as a core, wrapping element or component of the skein, but this should be a fresh spin, not a completed skein you are pulling out of your stash. Otherwise, where’s the challenge?
- This exchange does not have a minimum budget, as everyone has different fibre sources, and prices vary. However, please consider the suggested budget before you commit to this exchange.
- You may feel free to go over the suggest fibre budget, but know that it isn’t required, and you may not receive a skein as generous as yours.

- Check in when requested. THERE WILL BE 2 CHECK IN DATES. ON THOSE DATES, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM THE MODERATOR. YOU MUST RESPOND WITHIN THE GIVEN TIMELINE LISTED IN THE EMAIL. You must respond to those 2 emails to let the moderator know you are still active and participating in the exchange. Communication is REALLY IMPORTANT here. If you do not respond to the check in emails, and fail to advise why, you may be removed from the exchange challenge, and a replacement found.
- Please make sure your finished skein is labelled with the following info:
 - The title “Secret Hand Spun Exchange Challenge”
 - Your name
 - Who you made the skein for
 - Fibre content
 - Method of preparation - spinning technique, etc.
 - Finishing (washing, steam, etc.)
- Participants are required to get their skein to the ASH Exhibit. ASH Members will be moving various pieces to the exhibit prior to its opening. If you are located outside HRM, you may be able to send your skein with someone else to Halifax. Please ask the exhibit organizers for details
- You are welcome to ship your skein to the exhibit (please inquire with the Exhibit Organizers for details) or you may drop it off in person following the standard exhibit guidelines.
- You may pick up your gifted skein at the close of the ASH exhibit.
- If you will not be picking up anything at the exhibit in person, please contact the Exhibit Organizers to make transportation arrangements.
- After you view your gifted skein at the ASH Exhibit, or after you receive it upon the close of the Exhibit, please make sure to thank

the secret spinner who gifted you your lovely yarn! Please remember to do this in person, during a Zoom meeting, by email, or through the ASH Fibre Fun Facebook page. If you can post a picture or two to the Facebook page, even better!

- Let's face it, sometimes unexpected life issues happen. We understand and can work around them, as long as there is communication. If you are going to miss a check in, please let the moderator know.
- Please plan ahead. Keep in mind that fall, and the exhibit deadline, can sneak up on you while you are busy enjoying all the joy and good weather that summer brings. Make sure you have your fibre early (or in hand) so you have time to enjoy participating in the exchange.
- Have fun and enjoy!