

## April Week 3 Lesson 2

### How to Make a Drop Spindle

A drop spindle has a shaft and a whorl (though it is possible to use just a shaft).

#### Supplies

Wooden dowel 9-12 inches long and sized to fit in the hole of the wheel (try  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch)

Wooden car wheel about 2-3 inches in diameter\*

$\frac{1}{4}$  inch cup hook (optional)

Push the dowel through the wheel hole, allowing 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches to stick out the bottom. Using a small drill bit, drill a hole in the end of the top of the dowel and insert the cup hook. If desired, you can make the bottom end of the dowel into a dull point to allow easier spinning on a surface.

\*You can make your own disk from wood and drill a hole in the exact center. Some people use CDs to make drop spindles or even clay. It is important the weight is evenly distributed around the spindle, no matter what the material to make the weight is.

