

Your new

Little Gem

spinning wheel



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all you need to spin your dreams...

Welcome to the Majacraft family

Congratulations on purchasing a new Majacraft Little Gem.

We are very proud of this wheel and hope that it allows you to express your creativity in new and exciting ways. Take time to read through the instructions before assembly, it really is worth it.

One of our goals is to make our wheels as easy and simple to use as possible, so they become almost invisible as you express your creativity through fibre.

If you were not already aware, we have designed all of our craft tools and accessories to be compatible with each other. If you have an interest in a specific technique, we are likely to have specialist accessories that will fit straight on to this wheel or tools to make creating easy. Talk to your dealer, visit our web site or email us directly and we will do what we can to help.

Thank you for choosing Majacraft, it is your belief in us that drives our innovation and creativity in building captivating tools for you.

From the team at Majacraft, good spinning!



Note

The images contained in this instruction manual are a guide only. There may be slight differences in your own Little Gem.

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Assembling a Majacraft Little Gem

These instructions demonstrate how to assemble your Majacraft Little Gem spinning wheel.

1. Prepare the components

We recommend that you find a clear work area where you can lay out all the components for working on them.

Your wheel has been assembled at our workshop; it has been tested and it has been spun on.

Please unpack with care and retain the packaging. In the box will be:

1 Carry bag containing:

- 1 base assembly in a folded position
- 1 spinning head with scotch tension mechanism
- 1 flyer
- 1 travelling lazy kate

3 plastic bobbins

1 instruction sheet, warranty card and Majacraft user's manual

2. Unpack the wheel



2a

Inside you will see the Base/Stem assembly.

Remove the green carry bag from the box and open the zipper.



2b



2c

In one of the side pockets you will find the head.



2d

In the other pocket will be the flyer and bobbins.



2e

All the components can now be arranged ready for assembly.

3. Move the stem to upright position

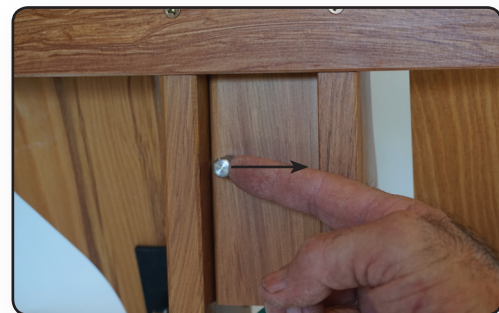
Required:

Base/Stem assembly



3a

Turn the Base/Stem assembly upside down. Take care when doing this to support the pedals because they can fall on to the edge of the drive wheel and dent the wood. Find the silver slider knob and slide it toward the centre of the stem (slide it out of the locked position).



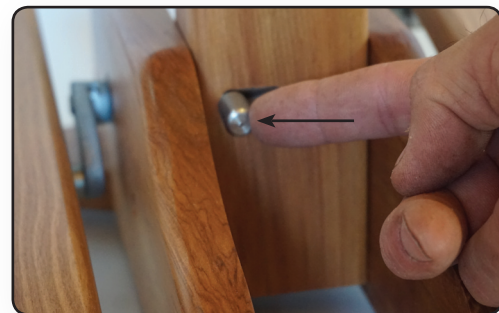
3b



3c

Now turn the Base/Stem assembly the right way up and rotate the spine assembly into the upright position. It will stop against the small metal bracket.

Rotate the Base/Stem assembly round so you are looking at the front of the wheel. Push the slider knob away from the centre of the stem to lock the stem into the upright position.



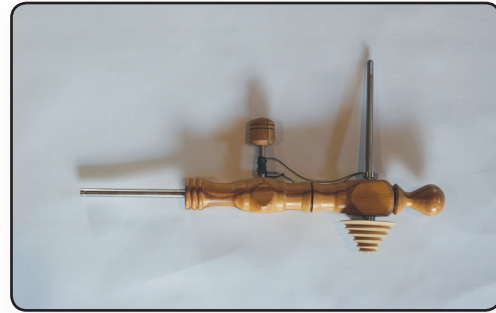
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4. Insert head into base assembly

Required:

Head assembly

Base/Stem assembly



4a

Loosen the stem lock knob and then slide the head into the Base/Stem assembly.



4b



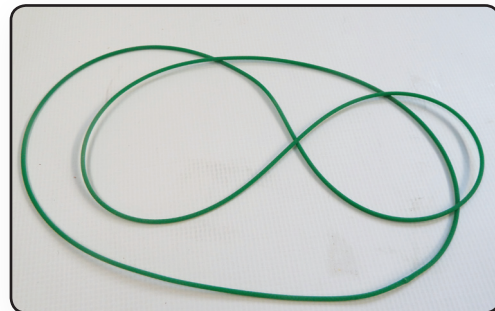
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When the head is in place, tighten the stem lock knob to secure it in position.

5. Fit the drive bands

Required:

Drive band



5a

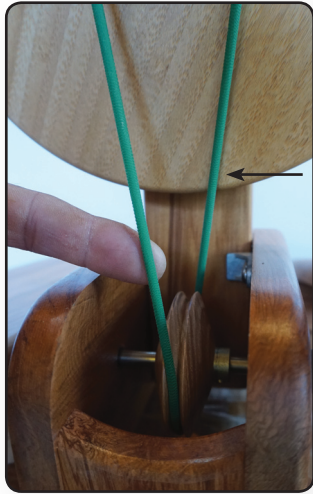


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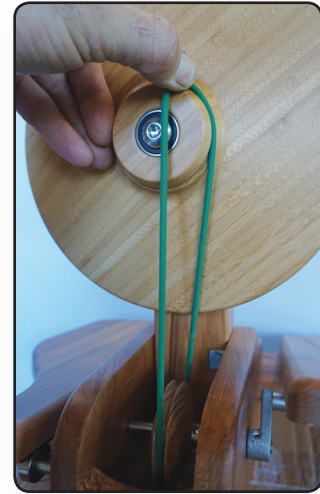
The thin drive belt (upper drive belt) contained in your green carry bag should be put on first. Put the band in the groove around the very outside of the drive wheel and then stretch it up and over the top pulley.

If plying, you may consider crossing this belt so the flyer runs backwards when you spin in the normal “forward” direction. This is a suggestion that you may find easier when you come to ply your yarn.

Fit the lower drive belt next. Firstly place the belt in the groove on the crank pulley. Once the belt is in the drive wheel groove as shown in 5c, use your other hand to turn the drive wheel to wind the belt into place.



5d



5c

If you are looking at the bamboo side of the drive wheel, you need to put the belt on in such a way that the drive belt is closest on the right hand side (shown by the arrow in image 5d). If the belt is put on the other way, it will be more inclined to run backwards.

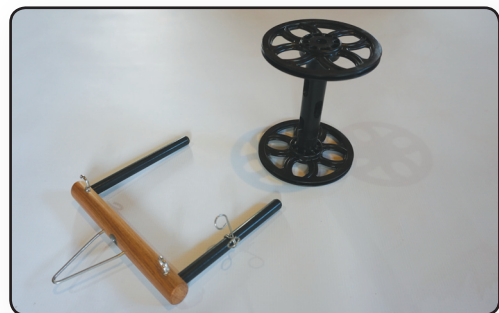
6. Bobbin and flyer

Required:

- 1 - Plastic bobbin
- 1 - Delta flyer

If you have some petroleum jelly or vaseline, rub a small smear onto the flyer shaft. This has already been done at the factory so is not essential. Now slide the bobbin on.

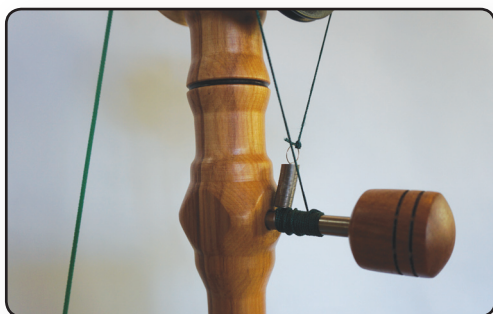
At this point screw the flyer on to the flyer shaft. It may help to hold the whorl with your left hand and tighten the flyer with your right (assuming you are right handed). It may also be treadled on by holding the flyer in one hand and treading the wheel in an anticlockwise direction.



6a



6b



6c

The tension spring should be positioned leaning to the right hand side as shown in the picture.

7. Travel kate

Required:

2 - Stainless steel bobbin bars

1 - Travel kate



7b

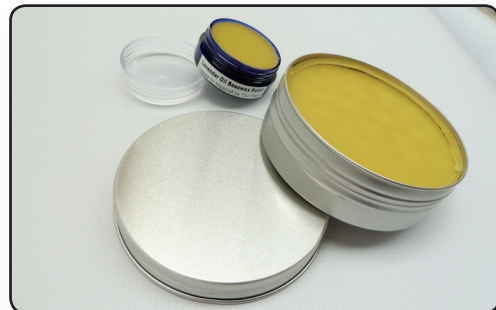


7a

Insert the silver bobbin bars into the PVC bushes in the travel kate. It may be necessary to use a soft mallet to tap the bobbin bars into place. If so, do this on a bench or stable table.

8. Polish

At this point, we recommend that you polish your Little Gem using Majacraft Lavender Polish or alternatively a standard wood polish. While not essential, it will help keep your Little Gem looking excellent into the future.



8a

Your Majacraft Little Gem is now assembled and you are ready to start on a new spinning adventure! From the team at Majacraft, we wish you great spinning in the future.



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