



Portable Bobbin Winder Project for October 22 Hedgehog Meeting

The project for the October meeting will be a portable, battery-operated bobbin winder. The base of the winder, a hand-held fan, is a seasonal item. If you are going to make the winder, you will need to purchase your fan before the fans “disappear” from the stores to make room for the Christmas items. My experience last year says you need to get your fan before August . . .

This bobbin winder can be made to work for both Continental and Midland, spangled bobbins. However, they will not be interchangeable. If you want to make one for each type of bobbin, you will need to bring double the supplies listed below.

The following is a list of supplies you will need for this project.

1 hand-held, battery-operated fan. See attached photo.

Note: I purchased two types. The first one I purchased was from Wal-mart. It cost \$1.50. The second one was from the Dollar Store. The construction of the Wal-mart fan works best for this project. However, either fan will work.

1 empty Gütermann spool. See attached photo.

Note: If you find the spools in various sizes, you want the small spool. I used the spool from my Gütermann silk collection (purchased at JoAnn’s). The spool holds 100 meters of silk and measures 0.8 in across the top in diameter. You can also use the spools for polyester thread; just make sure the end of the spool has holes in it.

1 pieces of dowel. See attached photo.

Note: The dowel is labeled 1/2” in diameter, but it measures slightly smaller. You need a pieces of dowel the length and width of a AA battery.

8” of 20 gauge wire

Piece of aluminum foil (approximately 4” square)

2-3” rubber band for those making bobbin winder for Continental bobbins

Hot glue gun and glue stick

Exacto Craft knife and blade

Fine 600 grit sand paper

Small screwdriver to remove fan blades

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