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wheel setup

This technique does not dictate the set-up of your wheel. Set up the wheel for the singles you will be spinning. If you are using a commercially spun wrap, you can spin in either direction, but if you are using a handspun wrap, spin in the opposite direction of the wrap.

The sample yarn is spun Z, has a core spun from a textured, carded batt, and an autowrap of brushed mohair.



2

spinning

If you have what I call an innie orifice, one that is flush or almost flush with your maiden, this wrap is a breeze. Simply start spinning the singles and the autowrap together with a short forward or short backward draw, as if you are spinning a racing stripe (**STEP 1**), then drop the racing stripe, and it becomes the autowrap (**STEP 2**). That's right, just drop it and keep spinning. The autowrap will automatically wrap around the singles, creating an irregular wrap that adds a bit of mystery and intrigue to your yarn. Don't worry if the autowrap disappears into the orifice. That is exactly what is supposed to happen.



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Remember to let your yarn run into your orifice at a regular pace and in short-ish intervals. If you attempt a modified long draw or even allow the singles you are spinning to get too long before you let it enter the orifice, you will end up with long sections where the autowrap is

not accumulating much twist and therefore is spun alongside the core rather than wrapping around it.

If you have a delta, ring, or an orifice that extends beyond the maiden, and you try to do an autowrap in the above-described manner, you will likely spend a great deal of time unwrapping yards and yards of autowrap that automatically wrapped around the outie orifice, delta, or ring. There is a solution, but it takes a finger, some patience, and a bit more dexterity.

Everything is set up the same way, but when you're ready to release the racing stripe and start autowrapping, extend one of the fingers of your front/drafting hand—I usually use my pinkie—and use it to guide the autowrap (**STEP 3**). You don't have to do too much; just keep the wrap from traveling into the orifice. This isn't the most comfortable position, and doing it for extended periods can cause cramping, so use caution.

Autowraps of different materials will not only give you different looks but will wrap differently as well. Some will create big, loose loops, while others will wrap tighter or with crinkles or folds. So experiment.