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- The Jumbo version can accommodate up to 5" diameter bobbins -

## **Jumbo Katie a-Go-Go™**

*The portable Lazy Kate for Spinners **on the go!***

Thank you for purchasing our Jumbo Katie a-Go-Go™ lazy kate! This is a Professional grade product. This unit will provide you with many years of plying regardless of where you want to do it. This is a very easy product to put together and use, but there are a few things worth mentioning:

### **To assemble Katie a-Go-Go™:**

1. Remove all the parts from the bag. You should have the following: 1 – wooden base, 3 - steel bobbin rods, 1 – center yarn guide, 1 – tensioning peg w/ string and rubber band installed, and the carry sack.
2. Screw the center yarn guide peg into the hole by hand by holding the wooden portion of the guide. **Do not hold the stainless steel wire.** You can tighten it up or allow it to be slightly loose so that you can rotate the yarn loop just how you want relative to your bobbins. An easy way to fasten it to the base is to hold the yarn guide still in one hand while rotating the entire base around the yarn guide. This provides more leverage if it is tight. **Never twist the guide into the base by holding the stainless steel wire.**
3. Place 2 or 3 of the steel bobbin rods into the plastic inserts in the base.
4. Slide your bobbins onto the rods.
5. Before inserting the tensioning peg into the base, place the rubber band around the small fixed peg, then position the remainder of the string in the grooves on the outer side of the bobbins and then take up any excess string by wrapping it around the tensioning peg before inserting the peg into the base. Now tighten up the string by rotating the peg until there is just the slightest tension on the rubber band. As your bobbins empty, add just a little more tension.



### **Adjusting the tightness / looseness of the wooden parts:**

1. The Katie a-Go-Go™ is mostly made of wood. It is the nature of wood to expand and contract with the amount of humidity in the air. Therefore, if the tensioning peg becomes loose under dry conditions, simply add a bit of white glue around the tenon (the part that fits into the base) and then let the glue dry thoroughly. Then, insert the peg into the hole. The dried glue will tighten the fit inside the hole. If you added a bit too much glue and the peg is too tight, just sand off some of the excess. If the peg becomes too tight in humid conditions, just sand around the tenon with an even pressure as you rotate the peg while holding the sandpaper in one hand. Because the center peg screws into a fitting inside the base, it does not have a problem with humidity changes. You may pick up the unit by the wooden portion of the screwed in center peg if you wish.
2. If any of the following occurs, you can re-attach the parts using a small amount of Super Glue:
  - a. The screw inside the center dowel loosens up
  - b. The rubber feet come off of the unit
  - c. The white inserts for the rods become loose or fall out
3. The tensioning string should last a long time, but if/when it wears out, replace it with any non-stretchy string. We use cotton carpet warp which has ideal characteristics for this application.
4. The rubber band will eventually need replacing. Any small rubber/elastic band will do. Tie it with a square knot so it will not come loose.
5. You may apply a coat of Danish oil to the wooden parts periodically if the wood needs it.

### **Lubricating the unit**

1. Oil and plastic do not mix well so never put oil in the plastic insert holes. The rods are not intended to rotate in the base once inserted. The plastic inserts and the metal rods will loosen slightly over time. If they are too snug, put some baby powder on the end of the rods which will lubricate them.
2. The rods are made of stainless steel and will not show signs of corrosion. If, however, you do see any signs of discoloration or other marks, you can simply use some steel wool to rub the spots off.

## Spare Parts

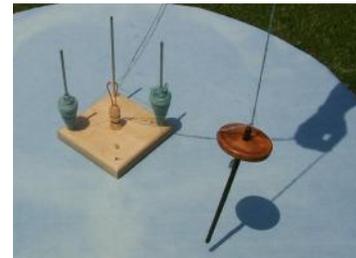
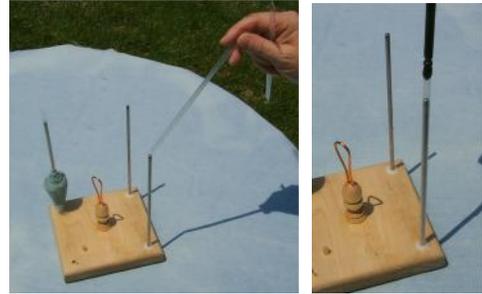
We sell spare parts in the event that you lose any of the components of the Katie a-Go-Go™. Check our website to place a spare parts order or to review their current prices or just send us an email.

### For use as a Lazy Kate for Drop Spindle users

Our Katie a-Go-Go™ can be used as a Lazy Kate for Drop Spindle users, also. We have developed an ingenious system which works extremely well but has a very low cost. No sophisticated tools are required. Simply follow these instructions. Our Katie a-Go-Go™ is the only Lazy Kate you will ever need!

1. Spin your fiber, as usual, with your drop spindle.
2. When you are ready to either store or ply your yarn, pull out the Katie a-Go-Go and assemble it. You must have a **3/16"** drinking straw for each spindle that you want to transfer to the Katie-a-Go-Go (or store for later use).
3. Put the straw onto one on the rods. This provides support for the straw while you are transferring the yarn to the lazy kate.
4. Insert the tip of your spindle into the end of the straw.
5. Then, while ensuring that you have a nice tight fit with your spindle against the straw, slide the yarn down the spindle onto the straw and then set your spindle down.
6. Your yarn is now on the straw which is on the lazy kate rod.
7. You can either remove the straw by sliding it up and off of the rod (do this if you plan to ply all of the yarn during the session), or leave the yarn on the straw while you ply. Then, if you finish and still have yarn left on the straw, you can remove the straw from the rod while maintaining your yarn on the straw for future use. Now, neither your Kate nor your spindle are tied up with your previous project which allows you to do more spinning.
8. Before plying, you may insert a rubber band or rubber grommet around the top of each rod if you find that the yarn lifts off of the rod while spinning. We have found this to be unnecessary, however.

Buy drinking straws at the store (grocery and hardware stores). Be sure to purchase straws which have an inside diameter of 3/16" or larger. We do not recommend flexible straws.



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## **Cone Accessory Kits**

are available to allow you to mount 7 or 10" cones on this Lazy Kate. 10" cones would require optional 11.25" rods