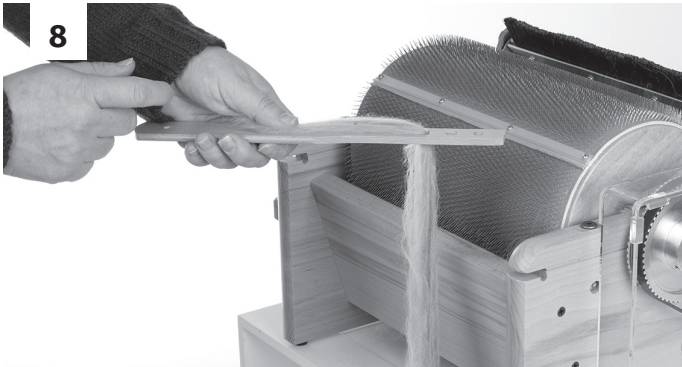


Diz Stick

with
 Yarn

Gauge



Once you have removed the entire batt, hold a length of fibre along the diz stick and wrap the sliver around the diz stick to form your bump.

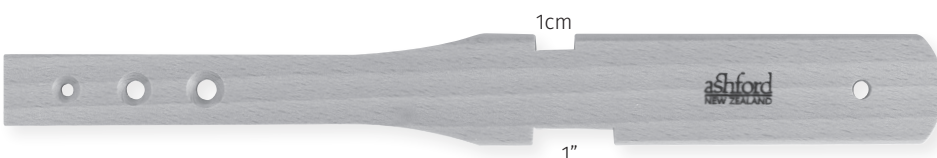
The tail you are holding will allow you to have a centre pull bump when you are finished.



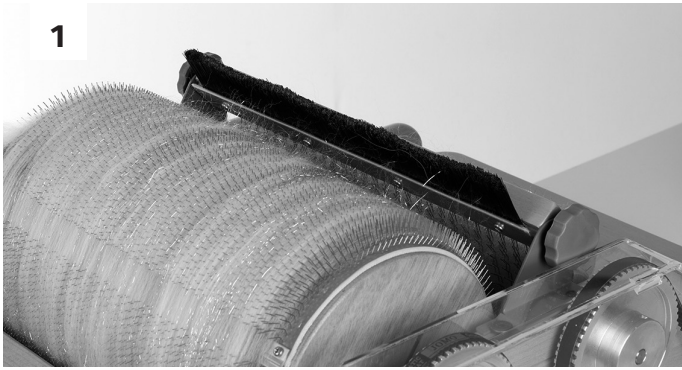
Using the Yarn Gauge

Directions: Simply wrap your yarn evenly in either the 1 inch (25mm) or 1cm (3/8") slot and count the number of threads to give you the "WPI" wraps per inch of the yarn or the approximate gauge of the knitting yarn.

Yarn Type	Wraps per 1 inch
Bulky	5 to 6
Chunky	7
Aran	8
Knitted Worsted	9
Double Knitting	11
Sport	12
4-ply	14
3-ply	16 to 18



Use the Diz stick to create your own sliver (roving) from your carded fibre. You can do this directly from your e-Carder, drum carder or blending board. These instructions are using the Ashford e-Carder.



Load your carder with fibre as normal. When the drum is full remove the cover, lift the packer brush up and out of the teeth, turn the **switch to unwind** and turn the speed down so the drum rotates slowly. Rotate the drum until you see the metal strip.



Using the awl (doffer) separate a small portion of the fibre at the edge of the drum. Choose which hole you are using on the diz stick – the size of the hole determines the thickness of the sliver.



Fold the end of the fibre over and twist a little in your fingers to make it easier to thread through the hole from the countersunk side.



Hold the diz stick comfortably in your hand and parallel to the drum about 1cm (1/2") away from the teeth.



Pinch the fibre firmly and pull through the diz stick while the drum rotates. Do not pull too far as the fibre will separate. Repeat the pinch and pull process moving the diz stick incrementally across the full width of the drum.

