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These low-tech knitting tools show that simple can be beautiful, too.

1. A *nøstepinne* is a useful tool and a piece of Norwegian knitting history you can use to hand-wind center-pull balls of yarn. Eleven inches (28 cm) long, the *nøstepinnes* are available unfinished or with a clear, mahogany, or walnut finish.

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2. Composed of elm, walnut, cherry, and apricot woods, these beautiful little (3 $\frac{3}{8}$ " [9.2 cm]) *needle cases* stash your cable, tapestry, sewing, and felting needles.

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3. A *darning egg* is a time-honored tool that provides a smooth, solid surface for darning, reinforcing seams, or grafting together the final toe stitches of nearly complete socks. These laminated handmade eggs are made from a combination of woods, including hard maple, cherry, and walnut.

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4. The traditional *knitting spool* (or "*knitting Nancy*") can be used to introduce children to knitting or as a cunning method for anyone to make I-cord. This handmade spool is turned from a hardwood; decoration is applied with a chatter tool and burned accents. Carnauba wax provides a naturally lustrous finish.

www.etsy.com/shop/amyswoods

5. Because of its tight grain and extraordinary flexibility, birch makes an ideal wood for knitting needles.

Straight and double-pointed needles from Twin Birch Products are individually handcrafted from renewable native North Carolina birch.

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