



## Spindle-Whorl

**Date**  
43-409

**Medium**  
Iron, lead

### Description

Tapering spindle made of iron. It has an eyelet and lead whorl. Found in Tokenhouse Yard in 1865. London. A spindle is a long staff used for the production of threads. Particularly, it is used to spin fibres such as flax, wool and cotton. They tend to be weighted with a 'whorl' though this is not always the case. In the Roman world, the spindle was called the 'fusus', while the whorl was called the 'verticillus'.