

How to Assemble your Bobbin Skylark Bike

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Skylark 16" model

Introduction

Congratulations on getting a new Bobbin!

Parenting level = Elite

Assembling a Bobbin junior bike is really easy and fun.

It's also a good chance to get to know how it works.

Allow 15-20 minutes to put your bike together and have it ready to ride.

Happy Cycling!



Tools

Your bike comes with a basic set of tools included. You will also need:

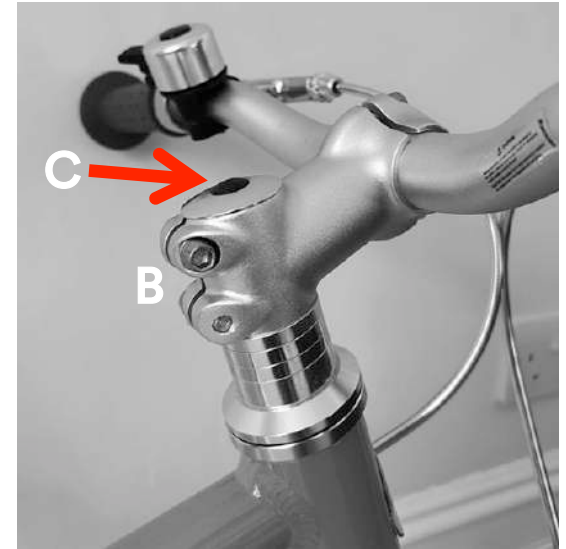
- Scissors
- Pump
- Phillips Screwdriver

Unpacking

- Stand the bike box upright. Make sure you have enough space to work. Put your tools on a table.
- Remove the large staples from the box. Warning – they are very sharp. Take care.
- Open the top of the box and pull the bike out.
- Place the bike upright on the floor/table top, resting on its rear wheel and front forks.
- Taking care not to scratch the paintwork, remove all the packaging and tidy away.
- Turning the forks the right way around (front brake points forwards).

Handlebars and Stem

- a. Handlebars attach to the stem with 2 x allen key bolts (A). You can adjust the angle of the bars using these bolts.
- b. The stem attaches onto the head tube using 2 x allen key bolts (B), one on each side of the stem.
- c. The silver stem cap fits on the top (C). This bolt is secured with an allen key. The black plastic protection cap can be fitted over the bolt.



Handlebars and Stem (continued)

Check handlebars are straight



Front Wheel

- a. The tyres have a “tread”. It’s best to have this facing forwards.
- b. Lower the fork onto the wheel.
- c. Fit the wheel nuts (A) and tighten securely with an allen key.
- d. If you can’t fit the tyre through the gap between the brake pads, you will need to loosen the brakes first to fit the wheel. Alternatively you can simply squeeze the deflated tyre with your fingers, so that it fits through the gap. You can inflate the tyre later.

Spin the wheel to check it is straight.



Saddle

The Skylark comes with a Bobbin junior sports saddle, and a micro adjust seat post

a. Insert the seat post into the frame

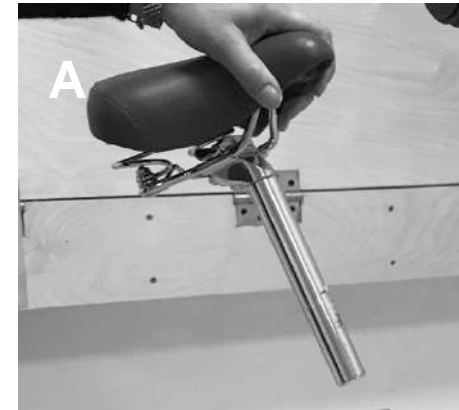
Warning! Don't exceed the minimum insertion mark.

b. Tighten the seat collar using the allen key.

“What is the correct saddle height?”

Sitting on the saddle, the rider should be able to touch the floor with their toes. Lower = harder to ride!

IMPORTANT! As with all your adjustments, check all bolts are secure and tight before riding.



Pedals

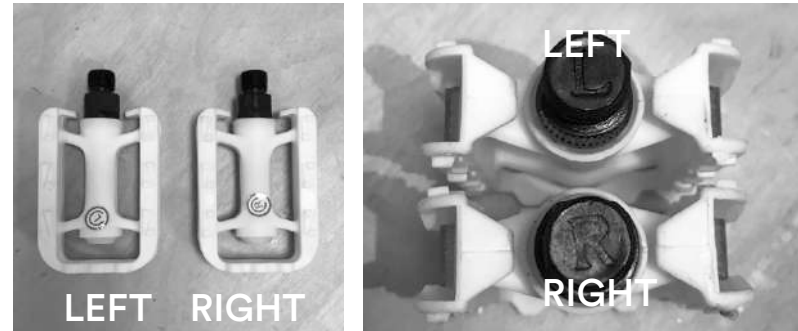
Skylark comes with BMX-style grey pedals.

IMPORTANT! Left and Right pedals are **NOT THE SAME**. Fitting them on the wrong side will break the crank. The pedals should go in easily; if not **STOP!** Check you have the correct pedal and check you are screwing in straight not at an angle.

If you have any bike grease, apply a little to the thread of each pedal before you attach them.

“R” is for right. This goes on the **CHAIN SIDE** of the bike.
“L” is for left. This goes on the **OTHER SIDE OF THE BIKE**.

- Fit the the “R” pedal to the right side crank arm with your fingers and turn gently in a clockwise direction.
- Once it is loosely fitted tighten securely with a 15mm spanner.
- Fit the “L” pedal to the **LEFT** side crank with your fingers and turn gently in an anti-clockwise direction. Once it is loosely fitted tighten securely with a 15mm spanner.



Bell

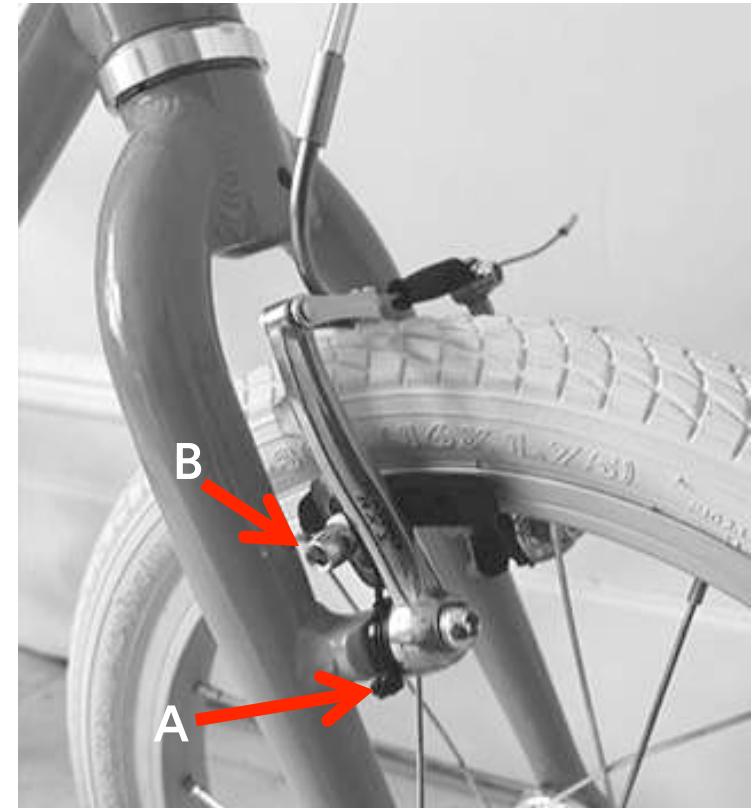
- The bell goes on the left hand side of the handlebars.
- The bell is fitted with a Philips screwdriver.
- The Skylark comes with a ping bell (A).



Brake Adjustment

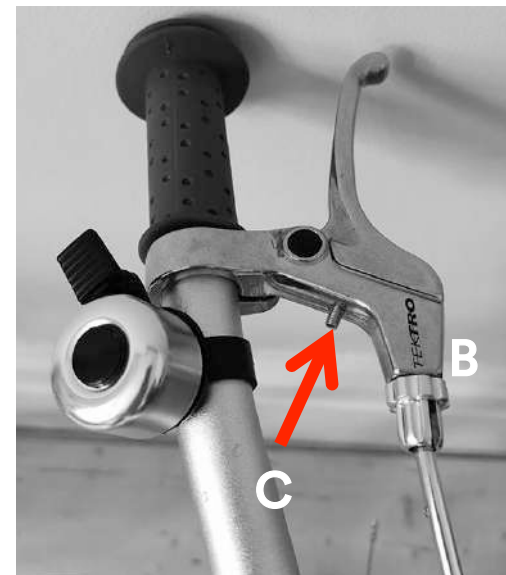
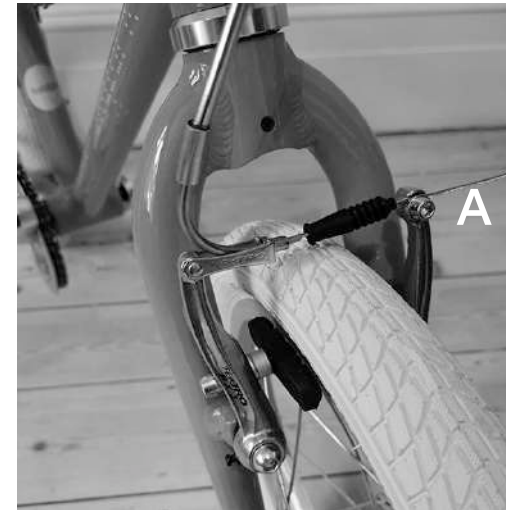
Skylark is fitted with responsive V brakes.

- Lift the wheel and spin it, it shouldn't make any noise or drag against the pads.
- If noisy, first check the wheel is correctly installed in the middle of the forks.
- If it is, you may need to centre the brake (if one side of the brake is closer to the wheel than the other side).
- Adjust the v-brakes by using a Phillips (cross head) screwdriver on the spring adjuster screw (A).
- Clockwise (tightening) moves the pad away from the wheel rim. Anti-clockwise (loosening) moves the pad towards the wheel rim.
- Keep squeezing the brake lever to check your adjustments.
- NOTE: also check your pads are straight and not touching the tires. You can adjust here (B) with an allen key.



Brake Adjustment (continued)

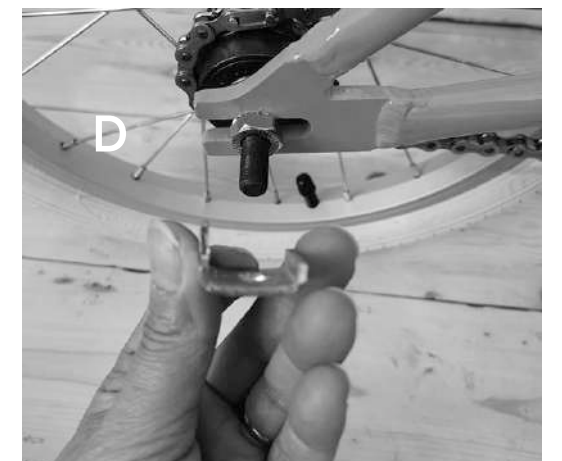
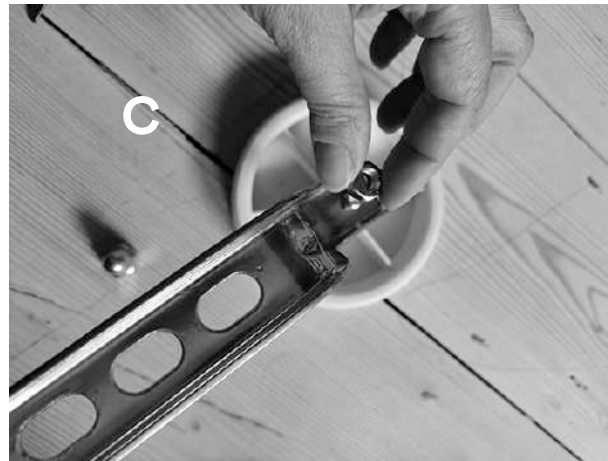
- If you need to make the brakes more powerful, you will need to adjust the cable tension. There are two methods for this:
- A: loosen the cable clamp with an allen key, then with one hand holding the brake pads in place, pull the cable through with the other hand. Re-tighten the cable clamp.
- B: Tighten the barrel adjuster on the brake lever by hand.
- You can also use either method to loosen the cable tension.
- The small screw (C) can be used to adjust the brake lever reach for smaller hands



Fitting Skylark Stabilisers (training wheels)

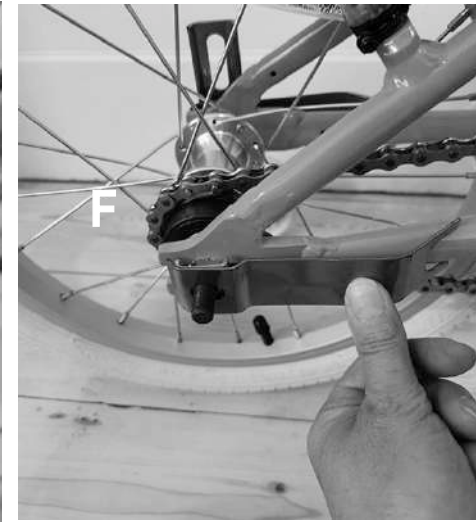
- Skylark does not come with stabilisers included, these can be ordered separately

- A. Put wheel bolt through front of wheel
- B. Thread washer through bolt at back of wheel
- C. Connect stabiliser arm at back of wheel. Attach nut onto thread of bolt. Tighten with spanner at back and allen key at front
- D. Remove rear wheel bolt on the bike using a 15mm spanner. Place axel bracket on rear wheel axel.



Fitting Skylark Stabilisers (continued)

- E. Axle bracket attached.
- F. Attach chainstay bracket. The end with the hole goes over the rear wheel axle.
- G. Line up the stabiliser arm and slot it over the rear wheel axle.
- H. Attach rear wheel washer, then attach rear wheel nut on top. Tighten securely with 15mm spanner.



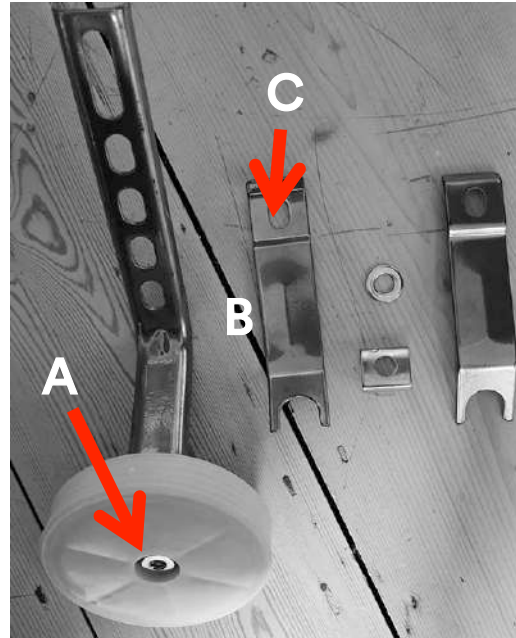
Fitting Skylark Stabilisers (continued)

- Complete steps A-H on for the other stabiliser arm, and your stabilisers are set up. Congratulations!
- We recommend re-tightening everything when you have finished, and also checking after a few rides.
- The stabilisers will fit single-speed bikes with 12, 16 or 20 inch wheels.



Fitting Skylark Stabilisers (continued)

- Attach the wheels to the stabiliser arms, tightening the wheel bolt at the front (A) with an allen key, and tightening the nut at the back of the wheel with a spanner..
- Remove rear wheel bolt on the bike using a 15mm spanner
- Place the chainstay bracket (B) on the bike frame as shown. The hole (C) fits over the wheel axel.



Before Your First Ride

- **Check that the tyres are inflated regularly (see the PSI written on the side walls of the tyres)**
- **Reflectors: fit the red reflector to the seat post facing backwards, fit the white reflector to the handlebars, facing forwards**
- **Check front & rear wheel nuts are secure**
- **Spin the wheels and check the brakes are working properly. Adjust the brakes as necessary**
- **Rotate the pedals and check they are securely attached**
- **Check the handlebars & stem are secure and are attached straight**
- **Check the saddle height and ensure the saddle & seatpost are secure**
- **Re-check all the above after a few rides**



Recommended Maintenance

- **To keep your Bobbin running beautifully we recommend regular servicing with a qualified mechanic**
- **Keeping your Bobbin clean and serviced will significantly extend the life of your bike and makes for happier cycling all around. (For more information on servicing and maintenance please check your user manual)**
- **Parts like tyres, brake blocks & cables, the chain and freewheel/sprocket will wear over time and will need to be replaced. Bobbin bikes use universal parts but if in doubt please ask us**

**Congratulations! You have assembled your Bobbin
Junior bike!**

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