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The Thurston norm is a norm on the second homology of a hyperbolic 3-manifold which, given a homology class, returns the minimal complexity over all surfaces representing the class. The unit ball for this norm is a polyhedron symmetric about the origin, and by understanding the surfaces representing the vertices of this polyhedron one gets a wealth of information about the embedded surfaces in the manifold. In 2008, the first two authors gave an algorithm for computing the Thurston norm ball of a closed manifold, using normal surfaces. We adapt their techniques to the case of hyperbolic link complements by using spun normal surfaces, and demonstrate a computer program that implements this algorithm. (Received September 03, 2019)