

Sunday, December 11. 2005

## **Oh Sunday...**

Is it wrong to say that I usually hate Sundays? The last month of weekends (not including the last two) I've been spoiled, spending them in Boston with my man, hanging out and watching football together. Then I've usually stayed there, pretending that the weekend isn't quite over yet. At his house we get to order food for Sunday dinner (Sesame Tofu-YUM!), watch the Simpsons and Family Guy and have a nice time...Hey, Sunday isn't so bad! But the past two weekends he's been BUSY, and it is just not as fun watching football alone! Plus I live with the LOUDEST human being on earth, seriously, so watching TV can be a major frustration while she clomps, stomps and makes more noise that I thought one person could ever make. Then the worst part is going to sleep alone, here in Worcester, with the lights of the hospital blinking into my room. Sigh. So what did I do with this angsty feeling? KNIT, of course. Here is my version of the cable hat from the second *Stitch n' Bitch* book. I like my version better, because it actually fits over my big noggin, which I can't imagine the one in the book ever would! The hat is for my roommate Becca, it is a birthday/Christmas gift that somewhat matches her coat. I knit it in about 2 days of down time, but I don't know how many hours I spent total, and I ripped out some because it was too short. I used #7 needles and Cascade Quattro in a really cool red/pink/maroon/tannish blend. The picture does not do this yarn justice, it looks very nice all knitted up! I basically added an extra cable width-wise to compensate for the smaller gauge of Cascade Quattro, and then I added several cable repeats on to the length. I tapered the cables more than they bothered to in the book, and changed the decreases to something that I am more happy with. Hmm, is that 10% of a change in pattern? Maybe I'll write it all down for anyone who is interested. I think I might make another one for my mom, I have more Quattro in a blue. Here is Eris, which I hadn't worked on since the summer, but picked up last weekend on...you guessed it...SUNDAY. This is a bad, bad picture, but it looks really good so far! I'm done with the cable collar and am on to the part where you knit in the round for the body, which is good because I hate purling whole rows! This is also Cascade 220, in a really pretty blue/grey color. I have to say that right now, Cascade is way up on my list of favorite yarns. It is so soft, and it really makes crisply defined cable work! Important when you are making this sweater. I think this design is very fun and challenging, but Jenna's patterns have really well-written instructions that anyone can read! Rogue was my second sweater, and I had no problems at all...ok that's a lie, but I finished it!

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both the sweater and the hat look great! Cascade 220 is one of my favorite yarns too - the color range always has something that fits the bill. (I love quatro colors and how they knit up!)

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