

Monday, April 3, 2006

Knitting keeps me from RAGE BLACKOUTS, but just barely

Edited to add: Go see Laura's perfect new baby and wish her and her family congratulations! He's soooo cute. Before I get too angry, look at this freaking ADORABLE little sweater that I'm knitting. I have two friends in my class who are both pregnant. One is about 12 weeks along, one only 9. The 9 weeker wasn't supposed to leak the information, because as you might know, 9 week pregnancies are not always guaranteed to last, but she was super excited and cracked under the excitement of the other friend's pregnancy. Of course, I was thrilled for both of them, they will make wonderful mommies, and I was thrilled because this meant that I could go to WEBS while home on spring break and buy some cute yarn and a pattern. So I found the ladybuggies. This is a Dale of Norway Pattern, called "Marihone" Number 1005 knit in Baby Ull, which might be my new favorite yarn. The tricky part about this pattern, besides its almost crippling cuteness is the fact that there are rows with 3 colors at once AND long floats. I worked out a system in which I did some fudging of the placement of the dark blue dots and used 2 yarns in my right hand and one in my left. NOT elegant or pretty to watch, but seems to be working ok. The sweater will hopefully smooth out with some blocking action, and I wish I had one of those old-fashioned sweater stretcher boards, but it would need to be in tiny baby size. Funny story: I bought my skinny Addi Turbos in 24" without realizing that a tiny baby might not be 24" around. I returned them, and all is right with the world. Except for the rage blackouts. I swear, I live with some of the LEAST considerate people that I have ever met in my whole life. If you read a story in the paper about me stabbing someone in the heart with a knitting needle, I promise you that it will have been justifiable homicide. I could go in to details, but it is so exhausting and ridiculous to list it all, that I'd rather not. Just imagine the worst college roommate ever and multiply it by 7. I've been knitting like mad because I was home for 1 week on spring break, and all I did was knit and watch The West Wing on DVD. That's not quite true, I exercised as well, but still...Here is a sweater. I know this picture blows. Sorry. It will be a cardigan, inspired by the movie Brokeback Mountain. The color is lighter than Michelle Williams' sweater, but it is such terrific yarn (and was in the stash), that I'm really pleased so far. I'm calling it Brokeback Brioche, and it is knit in Peace Fleece "Lena's Meadow." The yarn is pale blue with a darker teal spun with it, with nubs of olive green, dark hot pink and dark teal. It also has a soft mohair halo. I LOVE this yarn. When I said before that Baby Ull is my new favorite, I meant that this yarn really was. I have 6 skeins in an awesome green just waiting for an exciting project...I love Brioche stitch too, and if you would like to try it, Interweave Knits Spring 2005 has a really nice article about the basics, and also it goes in to increasing and decreasing. Very helpful.

Posted by Mia in Knitting at 20:22

The ladybuggie baby knitting is darling! Sorry to hear about the bad roommate. Our Girlie is dealing with that right now, and it's so wearing.

Anonymous on Apr 3 2006, 21:44

I'm sorry you have to deal with the roomies from hell. If it's any consolation, I had 29 of them total before my husband, and most were horrible. Some were just less horrible than others.

I do love the ladybugs.

Anonymous on Apr 4 2006, 20:33

I just saw that little sweater/hat at the yarn store I've been haunting - way cute! And I can't wait to see your cardi. Go you!

Anonymous on Apr 5 2006, 16:35