

Saturday, June 10, 2006

Taking Stock, and Where I've Been...

So, I've been busy. My boyfriend and I are moving in together, and we have spent the last bazillion weekends or so looking for a place to live that suits us both. FINALLY we found a great one that is hugenormous with almost hilarious ammounts of storage. Good thing, too, because the other night I organized ALL my yarn (even the stuff lurking in corners) and found that I have a LOT. Here is the picture of my closet. The brightly colored buckets (orange, pink, turquoise and purple in the upper right corner) are all yarn. Then there are two small clear ones that are yarn and equipment (needles, etc). Beneath those are two large clear buckets that are yet more yarn. The darker purple and green bins on the right are NOT yarn. The bag that says "thanks" is an almost finished Lace Leaf Sweater that I think I'll finish tonight. I have as much yarn as some small stores that I have been to. Next year, NO NEW YARN. Yeah, right. Honey, if you are looking at this web page, just remember that our new place has 3 bedrooms and YOU PROMISED I COULD USE ONE FOR YARN. Another thing that was a big deal around here was the youngest sibling in my family graduating from college! Congratulations Baby Brother. As you can see, Baby Brother is, not unlike my new apartment, hugenormous. He is such a loveable guy, and he got the biggest cheer during graduation of anyone in his class. It was great. I'm almost done with my 12 week internal medicine rotation, THANK GOD. I'm almost done with Third Year, which is also a nice thing to think about. I'm tired. This has been a long year. Medicine was exhausting and hard, but ultimately very rewarding. I'm ready for fourth year, which everyone says is very, very fun. Before I started, I was concerned that I actually hated adult medicine and only cared about pregnant ladies and kiddos as patients. But I was wrong. What I've learned about myself is that I really love almost every patient that I've had. Sure, there are some nutcases, like the lady whose husband wanted us to give her all her pain medication in pill form to take home...I think he was selling it on the street. And then there was the middle aged guy who did nothing but lay in bed at his parent's house and drink vodka. Let me tell you, your liver is not happy when that is all you do. But for the most part my patients have been amazing, and I have learned far more than I thought possible simply by showing up every day and talking to the attending physicians. I also did lots of reading, of course, but the learning that has happened has mostly been on the go, which is the kind that really sticks with me. I'm working on some things, and will update the sidebar with pictures soon. Sorry about my epic absence. I missed the comments that I get, even though I don't really get that many!

Posted by Mia in Knitting, Medical School at 17:10

Fourth year was absolutely the best year of my life to date. No joke. You get more responsibility and a lot of vacation.

Congrats on finishing the hard stuff.
Anonymous on Jun 12 2006, 11:11

Fourth year was certainly easier than third year. It lets you catch a breath to prepare for internship.

Medicine is an insight into the human race. It changes your life in ways you never dreamed, as you see how other people live, and the consequences of some of their decisions.

The yarn? Whew. Now I don't feel so bad about MY numerous (and new) containers full. Naw, I'm SURE you don't see any roving in my closet.
Anonymous on Jun 16 2006, 20:58

Good luck in the fourth year. I am a psychologist who precepts internal medicine residents in physician-patient communication and relationship skills. Once in a while I get the pleasure of working with medical students. You are a great bunch of people!
Anonymous on Jun 22 2006, 07:46

congrats on finding a place to live!

I just started my FP rotation and must say that it's the best one I've had yet, and it's a nice way to end my third year. I, too, am looking forward to the fun that everyone says is fourth year; right now only a few of my rotations are set in stone, but hopefully the rest will work out. Where are you going to be rotating?

I am going to go through and sort out my yarn this weekend - those colored tubs are a great idea and I like that they are see through.
Anonymous on Jun 29 2006, 22:47

Good luck with fourth year, and happy housewarming to you and your boyfriend!
Anonymous on Jul 7 2006, 17:10