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Tuesday, April 11. 2006

PS.

I should have put somewhere in that last post that my boyfriend does NOT agree in any way with the ways animals are treated by the meat industry. He's also always been REALLY supportive of my veganish-ism, and when his family takes us out to dinner he always checks the menu before to make sure I'll be able to eat something. Someone sent me a comment and said that he was wrong about rights being only a human construction. I'm not going to outline the details of our discussion, and besides, he's the philosophy major, not me. But I have to say that I agree with my BF on this one. I believe that humans ought to treat animals well because it is the correct thing to do. Anyway. Here is something I'm working on very sporadically, and this picture was taken before I ripped it out and started over on size 2 instead of size 1. But these are the Northern Lights Mittens, in my own interpretation of the colors. Green, more green, purples and some red. I haven't gotten too far on the new version because I've not had much time for knitting this past week. Tonight I will, and will have to decide what to work on. I am a bit obsessed with colorwork right now.

Posted by Mia in Knitting, Ramblings at 06:39

Monday, April 10, 2006

My main man

On Friday, while I was on stupid call in the hospital, the only person that I love as much as my immediate family turned 30! I MISSED his birthday because of medical school, and that is how life works. But, it was okay, because on Saturday night we went out to the Four Seasons in Boston with his family, and then we spent the whole day together yesterday! He's been so busy lately, that I hadn't seen him in 4 weeks. Needless to say, I'm a much nicer and happier person now that I've spent some time with my guy. I can't say enough wonderful things about him, he's the smartest person that I've ever met, and he always makes me laugh, even if I don't WANT to laugh--like when he makes fun of me (in a nice way), and I try to pretend to be angry, but it is so funny or so true, and I just end up laughing. The day after his birthday also happened to be our 4.5 year anniversary, a date that I think deserves recognition, but he thinks anniversaries are only for whole year dates. Whatever. I remember exactly when I knew that I was really hooked on this guy. We were at dinner on our second real date, after having spent the day at the Boston Aquarium. I was telling him about why I'm a vegetarian/mostly vegan. Most people don't know what to say when I tell them that, or they say something stupid like, "If you were in a desert and a cow died in front of you, and you were starving, would you eat it?" Well, my boyfriend asked why I was a veg, and I said, "Well, lots of reasons, but it started with my being interested in animal rights." And HE said, "I don't believe in animal rights, because rights are a human construction." Hmmmm. I was hooked from that moment onwards, and later I kissed him in the subway station so that he would miss his train. Who knew I was such a sucker for philosophy. Anyway, Happy Belated birthday honey!

Posted by Mia at 16:03

Love sweater is a success!

So I made this kick-ass sweater for my boyfriend's 30th birthday, and of COURSE, I was so stressed out about starting my Medicine rotation, and about whether the sweater would fit him, that I don't have a single picture of it!! I have this picture of the yarn, Bartlett 2-ply color Bronze, but not even one shot of it knitted up. Fortunately, my bf's mom took a picture of him wearing it, I'll have to get her to email it to me. It fits PERFECTLY (after an aggressive blocking to stretch what were originally too short sleeves), it looks really nice, and best of all he loves it. He said that it was amazing, very warm, and taht he was very impressed with my skills.

Posted by Mia in Medical School at 12:15

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Tuesday, April 4, 2006

That's gonna be awesome

On Wednesday, at two minutes and three seconds after 1:00 in the morning, the time and date will be 01:02:03 04/05/06. Weird. I almost want to set my alarm to wake up.

Posted by Mia in Ramblings at 07:16

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