

Knot to Dye For

Lovely self-striping and varigated yarns are one of the great new things in the yarn world. But sometimes the quality control on these yarns isn't good. For all that I loved knitting with Mirasol Hacho, I was completely irritated that one skeig of it had two very different dye lots -- the dye itself wasn't great. So I knit a pair of mittens and gave them to charity. At least with Mirasol, you are helping a group of people who need it.

I bought some Mini Mocho by Crystal Palace in a lovely Harvest Rainbow colorway. I knit a swatch which looked good:



See how pretty?

I started knitting the scarf. Within the first two inches, there was a knot -- a knot where the colors were different. [Apparently this is a known problem.](#) In my case, it wasn't too bad. Shortly after, I ran into this patch:

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Yep, a kinda acid-green color. Odd to have in a Harvest rainbow colorway, but I figured I wait to see. Well, it turns out that this is a color not repeated anywhere in the rest of the two skeins. See -- it's nowhere else.



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Fortunately, I have plenty of yarn, so I'll be able to complete my project. But it's clear that their quality control ~~sucks~~ is not what it should be, and this is a relatively well-known company that is managed in the Bay Area, although the yarn itself is imported.