

Slogging Away

My projects are all slogging away.

I am slogging away on the twist cardigan:



It's very pretty, my cousin will love it, but I'm not completely certain about the buttons that I ordered from the [Button Emporium](#) (really cool buttons there on that site, and other notions like Petersham grosgrain).



I'm dying to try a much better grosgrain button band based on the tutorial by Gigi of the [Knitmore girls](#). Terrific stuff! But then I still need to knit a collar. It needs a lot of focus to decide whether the buttons really work, and then get the bands done to a level I'm happy with. Slog.

Another slogging project is a pair of socks for my friend's husband who will be going to ~~Afghanistan~~ Iraq with his ~~army~~ National Guard unit the end of January/early February. I'm done with one leg, and through most of a heel flap. It doesn't have to be done for a while, so the knitting is coming and going. Slog, stop, slog, stop.

Then there's the youth afghan/blanket for Afghans for Afghans. I'm being a thrifty knitter here by using leftover squares and stash, but I am so over this project. It's the second biggest thing I've knit (my [Log Cabin Square Afghan](#) is the largest and probably one of my favorite knits ever). The squares are done, crochet edged and joined.



It is coming out fine, if not perfectly geometric, but I am so beyond caring at the moment. It got a good spritzing, and I may add steam to lie flat. But that is not end; no, that would be *waaaayyy* too easy. The blanket is 41 inches square pre-blocking, 42 inches post-blocking and it should probably be 45 inches square, which means I need to add at least 1 1/2 inches of border all the way around. Shoot me now, please.

The fun knit is with my handspun Corriedale - a hot, amazing colorway from [Crown Mountain Farms](#) called Pina Colada. Yum! I'm not completely sure that the pattern, a new one called Candleglow Scarf out of the Sock-Yarn One Skein Wonders book, is completely right for the yarn - any opinions out there? The swatch itself looks pretty good:

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This will take a while if I continue, it's done on Size 3 (3.25 mm) needles. But it's fun, and for me!

What this knitter is yearning for is a quick, easy, selfish knit.