

FOs: Socks and a Scarf

Over the weekend I was kinda overwhelmed with life as it was. Knitting was my refuge as it often is. Some of the unselfish knitting projects got done.

Socks for Soldiers socks - a friend's husband is headed to Iraq, and I'm hoping that these socks will be a reminder that folks at home are thinking of him:



The SFS socks ended up being a pain in the knit, because after finishing the 2nd sock, I realized that the 1st sock had a leg that was 2 inches too short (apparently I can't measure up to 12 inches). Argh. I attempted "sock surgery" - I took out a round at the leg, put the stitches back on the needles, knit the extra two inches. But then I could not graft the 2x2 ribbing together - it's way harder than stockinette, and the place I was doing it was with Regia *stretch* on size 0 needles. Was. Not. Happening.

So, I gave up and reknitted the entire foot again on the first sock. Ugh. But they are done, and they are done on time. For that I am truly thankful!

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Then, on the opposite end of the scale, I finished a pair of socks for Afghans for Afghans - a basic pair of toe-up socks with some bright colors to cheer:



But probably the loveliest thing is the Here and There Scarf, knit in Berroco's lovely [Inca Gold yarn](#) in the lovely Verde Azulado colorway:

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I made the scarf narrower than the pattern provides (see my project details [here](#) on Ravelry), and it is still plenty wide for any normal human being, and plenty long (which will be important for the intended recipient). It looks and feels like a luxury item, which is the whole point. (Just ignore the cat dish in the photo to keep up the illusion that I live in a lovely spacious apartment, ok?)

With all of these projects coming to an end, I've swatched for Kingscot, and cast-on with the Ultra Alpaca Light. Am really, really happy to knit for me now!