

## Soccupy Oakland

I've brazenly stolen for the title of this thread Clara Parkes' tweet shortly before she came over the bridge from the Knitting Lab event to do a short talk at A Verb for Keeping Warm and a book signing of [The Knitter's Book of Socks: The Yarn Lover's Ultimate Guide to Creating Socks That Fit Well, Feel Great, and Last a Lifetime](#). Clara is part sleuth and scientist, part yarnie, and totally fun. I didn't expect her to be so lively and engaging (you know, the way a favorite author is able to write commandingly but doesn't always deliver in person), but she is as wonderful and cool as her books. She even held my sock for a photo op!



Ever curious, she asked about the heel, and I told her it was a Lucy Neatby garter stitch heel. Just in case you were wondering!

But here at Casa del No-Pox, we have also got some FOs. First up, a knitted cowl that will be a present for Christmas, once I knit a hat to match. It is [Wurm](#), which is a hat pattern, but someone thoughtfully adapted the stitch pattern for a [matching cowl](#) too.

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I'm using the leftover yarn from the Poplar and Elm Sweater (rav project notes [here](#)), which is the lovely Sunday Knits Eden 3-ply yarn - an amazing merino. I used two colors (because that's what I had enough of), and I think it will be a staple for the recipient!

And my Mom's sweater is done just in time for the weather change here -- this is my [adapted Victoria](#).

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It fits and looks great on her:

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I'll post in a bit about on-going projects!