

Patience and FO: Symetrie

The last week and a half is not what I planned. God is making sure to let me know that I am not in charge. Let's review:

1. I did not plan to spend 9 hours in the ER with my mom.
2. I did not plan for my mom to spend a week in the hospital.
3. I did not plan to eat Thanksgiving dinner alone in the hospital cafeteria. (Note: I was sick, so I declined a lovely invitation to have dinner with a friend and her family.)
4. I did not plan to help my mom dance a little in the cardiac unit of the hospital.
5. I did not plan to finish a sock, start the next one, finish a gift sweater, and knit an entire beret out of my handspun.
6. I did not plan to meet a nurse who is a real knitter, who completely understood why I was distraught at having left Mom's handknit sweater in her previous hospital room, and why I raced up to get it immediately.
7. I did not plan to coordinate my Mom's discharge from the hospital to a rehab center on a Sunday, which she hates.
8. I did not plan to get a sinus infection in the middle of all of this, making it all the harder.

So, it's been that kind of time, and thank goodness for the knitting. I only have a very close to completion photo of the beret:

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I'm thrilled with how it came out - it's the [Symetrie](#) beret pattern by Woolly Wormhead. One new thing I learned was how to do the [alternate cable cast-on](#), which is way easier than a tubular cast and looks almost identical. Woolly Wormhead's tutorial is excellent and free!

Next step is to work on a matching cowl with the remaining 50 grams.