

The Power of Blocking

I'm always amazed that blocking makes such a difference. Take this [lshbel](#):



Not so pretty in the pre-blocking state. But in the after blocking state, it is quite lovely:

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And then there is my [Poplar and Elm](#) sweater. I finished the back, and it looked like it might fit a 10-year-old, pre-blocking. See?

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Rather than find out that the sweater was completely the wrong size after knitting the entire sweater, I decided to block the back to make sure that it can go to the right size. It's not dry, but without a very aggressive block, the results are looking pretty good:

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Whew!