

Weakening

My resolve to not knit any gifts for Christmas is weakening.

Last night I looked for cute hat patterns, and found [Brambles](#), a lovely free pattern on Knitty. I have yarn stash in at least a couple of different fibers that would work. Then I realized that I already have a hat and scarf set done - but are they appropriate for someone on my list? I'm not sure. Then there's the leftover yarn from the Poplar and Elm cardigan - it would make a lovely cowl. Who knows where this will lead? I fear that I will wait 'til the last week, cave in and find myself up 'til 1 a.m. knitting gifts.

I also realized that the corriedale yarn that I spun for my Candleglow scarfis slightly underspun, and this was driving me nuts. I took out my spindle, and spun a couple of the skeins tighter, and have reset the twist - things are definitely going better now!



The lovely [Kalajoki](#) socks are coming along - I'm finishing the first heel.

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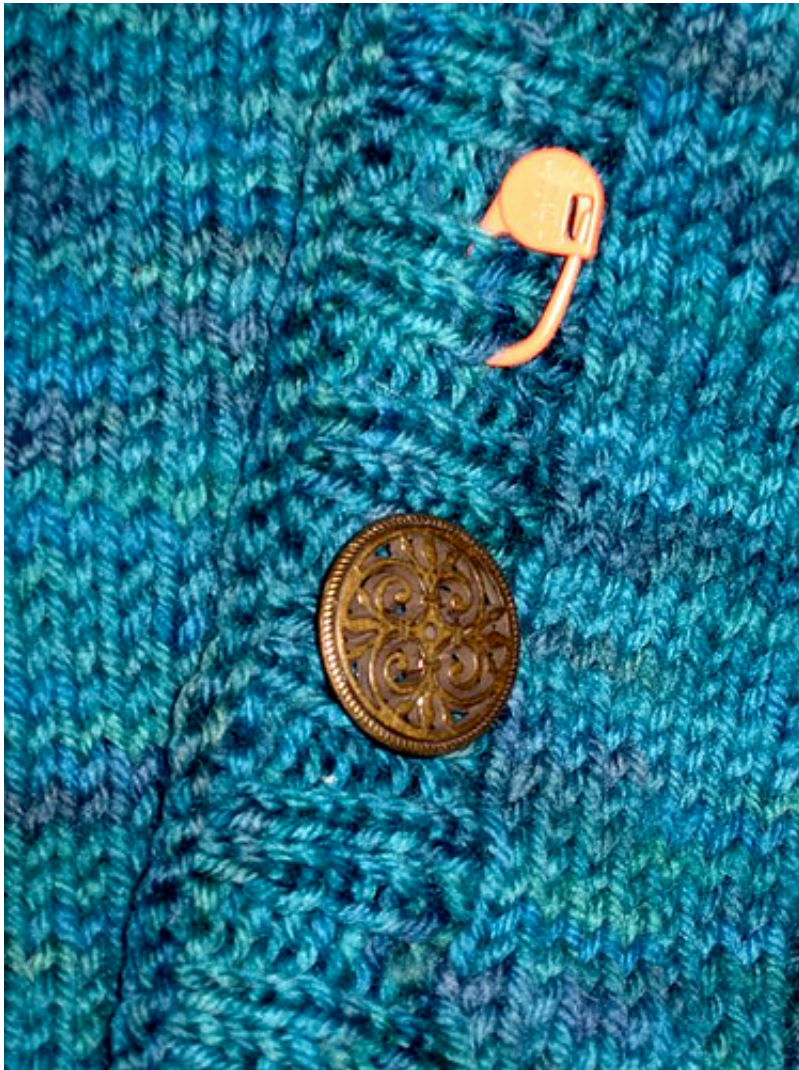
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The yarn is from [Scout's Swag](#), and is part of her sock yarn club - the colorway is Sagebrush. This lovely (free) pattern is great with variegated and handpainted yarns. Since it has been freezing here overnight, the socks and hats are pretty important right now!.

But the bestest thing knitting-wise today is finding the right buttons for the Twist cardigan. Aren't these going to be terrific?



Sigh. It gives this knitter heart a little pitter-patter to find a button so perfect for the garment.

Finally, in the unexpected outcomes of knitting, we have these:

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These were knit with the stockinette side out - just like in the basic mitten pattern by Ann Budd that I followed. But really, with the stripes, the insides looked much more interesting, and have the advantage of being slightly larger turned that way. Fortunately, I was hiding the ends pretty well, so you can't tell that I changed my mind at the last minute. These are destined for Afghans for Afghans.