

The Quick and the Slow and Another Convert

I love to knit sweaters - my first projects were sweaters, and only later did I branch out to hats, socks, and mittens. Scarves were always on the menu.

The Quick. Baby sweaters. SOOOO satisfying. You get all the fun and it ends quickly and the object of your knitting will not object. I'm making the [garter yoke baby cardi](#) (free- rav link) which is a lovely easy knit, and has some nice finishing touches (unless you're running out of yarn like I did). Plus, ton's of folks have made variations, so check out the projects on Ravelry.

Here's mine, for a little girl due in June:



The baby will be the first girl after two boys, so Mom requested that I make stuff in pink or purple, no blankets, she has plenty. I will buy another skein of pink for a hat, and knit or crochet a flower to go on it.

And I have a very cute button for it:

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The Slow. Adult sweaters are not quick. And especially when knit in fingerweight weight yarn. The [slow line cardigan](#) (Rav link) is a sloooooow knit in fingering weight. I was feeling ok until I got to the bottom and what seems like endless garter stitch. But this goes to prove a rule that some knits that are not so fun to knit will be great to wear. And I appear to only need about another 1 1/2 inches before I go back to the sleeves, which will feel like a snap in comparison. Izzie appears to be personally inspecting this cardigan at each stage:

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BTW, my friend Judy and I have converted someone -- to knitting, that is. We sent her a learn to knit kit of our own devising (thanks, Bluebird Yarn & Fiber) including Addi Turbos, Malabrigo yarn, and some cute notions. Yes, I know, it's like starting a new addict on pure cocaine intravenously. Fortunately her husband has no idea about what we have done. As we sadly do not live near Aimee to teach her *how* to knit, I sent along a Lucy Neatby DVD "The Brand New Knitter," which is meant for someone who never has held needles in their hands before. Besides learning from such a cool knitter, she got a shout-out from Lucy via twitter on her 1st day of knitting - how yarn-tastic is that?

Aimee is knitting a hat in the round at the moment and loves it - you can ask her how it's going on twitter: @aimeesblog.

Next step: Make sure she joins Ravelry to ~~join the other addicts~~ to meet and discover a fiber community.