

The year weâ??d mostly like to forget or maybe have already.

Description

Did you know that if you use your knife to chop garlic *before* you peel and section a grapefruit, the resulting juice smells (but not tastes) like garlic? Well it does. I poured juice into my glass to sit down and begin this post and thought there was something wrongâ??my nose, the glass, the juiceâ??but when I took a sip, it was fine. Thinking about the timeline last night as I was cooking dinner brought me the answer (the resulting comestibles from those actions were quite yummy).

And I digressed. Again. Not surprising really given the last several months. I looked at my last post for a refresher and discovered it has been almost 19 months since I have written down a story. What *have* I been doing? I have no idea. Well, thatâ??s not really true but it hasnâ??t been anything momentous.

I have been doing lots of crocheting. How much you ask? This is a blog about yarn after all. Hold on, Iâ??ll see if I can get a tally.

Ok, that took some time. Hereâ??s what Iâ??ve done (according to Ravelry) during the last 19 months:

27 hats, 25 amigurumi, 13 shawls/wraps, 11 cowls, 7 clothing pieces, 6 scarves, 4 blankets/throws, and 3 accessories/house things.

And Iâ??m sure there some random items that never made it to my Ravelry file.

Yes, I just scrolled through Photos and without going back to the beginning of the span, I found over a dozen moreâ??mostly hats and amigurumi and a sweater and I have to stop looking through Photosâ??

Hereâ??s a few of the things Iâ??ve made. If you have a Ravelry account you are welcome to look me up by clicking on the link in parentheses to see more ([Dancingdogstudio](#)). Iâ??m not sure the site will let you look if you donâ??t have an account.



Santa Paws 12/20



Garde Grows 1/21



Baby Yoda 12/20



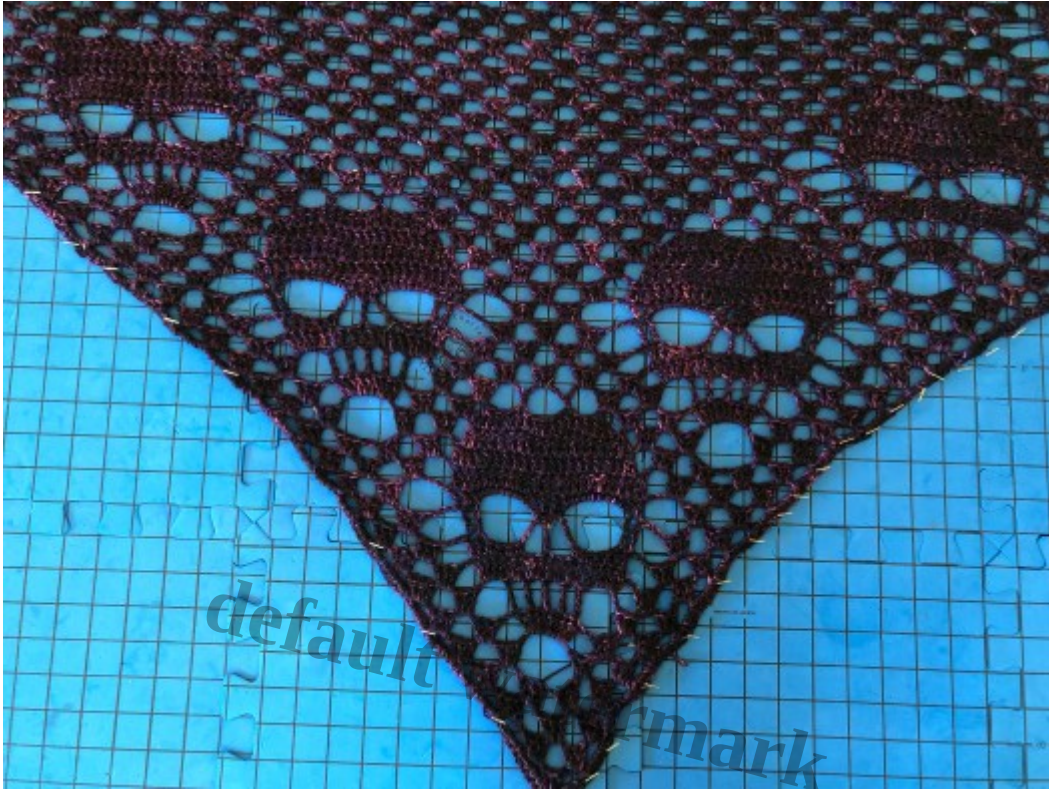
Lil Pup 10/20



Fall Sweater 10/20



Guernsey Cowl 1/21



Skull Shawl 9/20



Rhapsodic Ripples Cowl 9/20



Baby Hats



Harry 6/20



Gaithersburg Stole 6/20



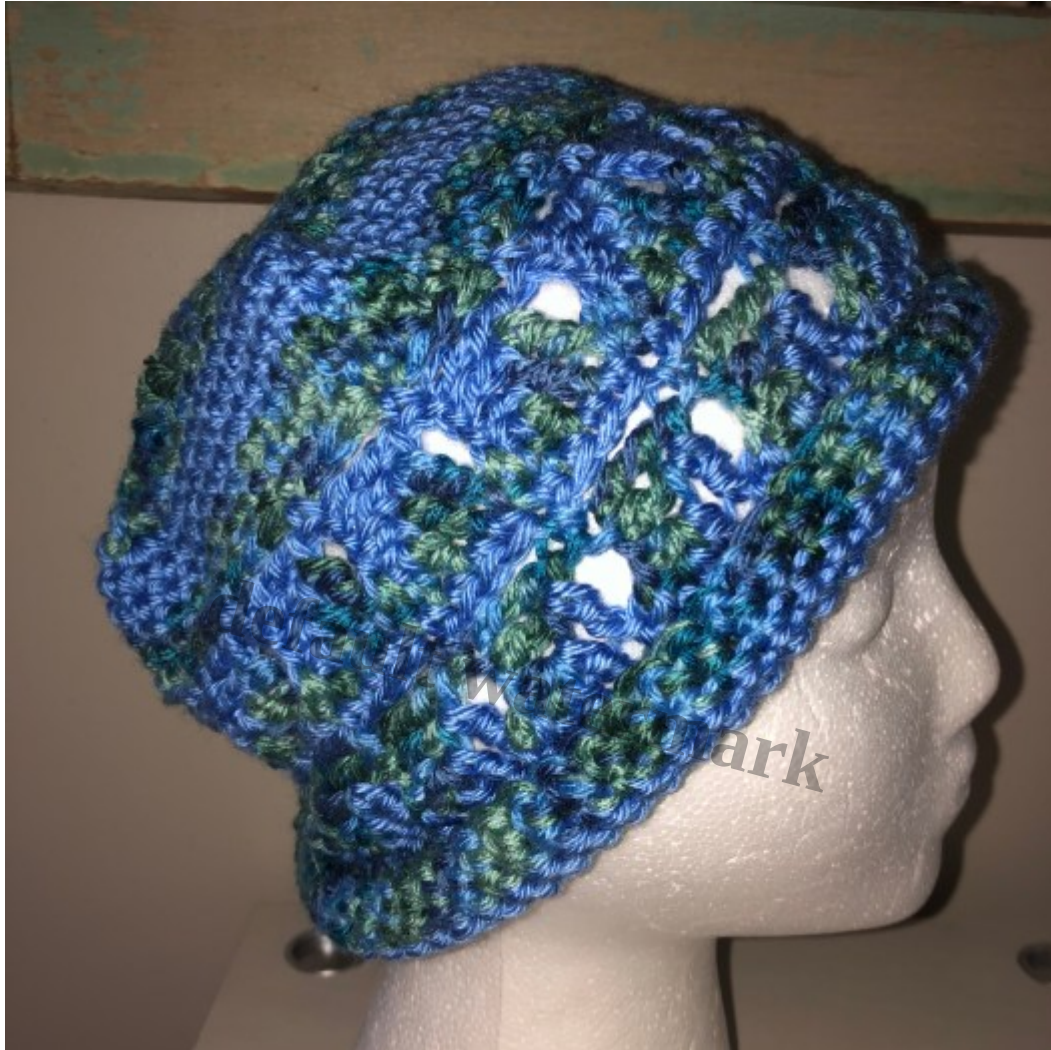
Oscar Owl 5/20



Summer Poncho 4/20



Easter Bunnies 3/20







Fable cowl 3/20



Delaney Hats 3/20





Fall Feels Sweater 1/20



Betafish 2/20



Mandala hat/cowl 2/20



Delaney Hat



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Alien friend



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It doesn't stop there though. I currently have 6 WIPS (works in progress) and 40 projects in my queue (according to Ravelry). My excuse (one of them anyway) is that we have two homes and I need projects in both places and then a project for the car when I'm not driving. And of course different projects for different activities; mindless ones for drinking with friends and watching football, slightly more complicated ones for listening to audible books, and one skein at a time ones for traveling. Of course there are the "Don't talk to me, I'm counting" ones as well that are best done alone in the quiet.

The newest diversion, albeit a small one so far, is some yarn dyeing. I have been saying since I began crocheting that I have *no* desire to dye yarn. There are sooo many wonderful, talented people out there doing so. I want to support their efforts. That being said, I found myself in a quandary with a project.

One of my afore-mentioned WIPS is a shawl that I started in September of 2019 while on a trip with my BFFs from High School. It's a lovely shawl, with a fun pattern and oh-so-pretty yarn. Unfortunately, I got 2/3 of the way done and ran out of yarn (my math skills apparently failed me). Not a problem you think, just order some more. Well, not so easy. The yarn was a gift given to me by a friend, who discovered it at a craft market while on vacay in Colorado. I was able to track the dyer down but it had been too long and she wasn't able to help me out with another skein. Hmmm, I thought, what to do? I thought about using a contrasting color, trying to fade it to a neutral, adding on to the beginning side using one or all of those ideas to make things more proportional, etc. I wasn't feeling the love with any of that. It has been bagged, tagged and stashed in a drawer ever since. Then, I said, "Self, why don't you try dyeing some more yarn in the same colors."



Spruce Dragon yarn



Diamond Love Wrap

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That of course is a completely different quest. First, find the yarn base. Check. Took me a while but I have it. Second, learn how to dye yarn. How difficult can it be to make green? I took some classes/watched some lectures and demos where both acid dyes and natural dyes were used. Below are the yarns I dyed. Pretty cool. Tom has promised to make me something with the yellows (spoiler); I have not decided what to do with the acid colors. However, does anyone see any green in the below photos that approaches the colors in the *above* photos?



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Acid dyes on super wash



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natural dyes on various fibers

Ok, letâ??s make it even more complicated. Wouldnâ??t it be great to dye my yarn using plants from my garden. I have lots of green in the garden. And thatâ??s where I am now. I have made a *lot* of brown, using plants that I am told will make green. I do not have any photos of these attempts since, well, brown not green. I will get back to it sometime this Spring.

And that my friends will bring me to the end of this post. Honestly, itâ??s not the story I intended to tell. that will be the next Post. Itâ??s approaching cocktail and dog dinner hour and the natives are getting

restless.

Hereâ??s looking forward to 2021!

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