



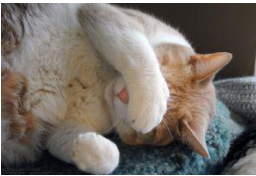
Rediscovering a skill during lockdown



WiP, CO, K1 - P1, K2tog.....a set of acronyms and terminology in abundance like the ton of NHS ones that I was faced with as I looked at knitting patterns and thought, can I do this?

As lockdown offered long periods of alone time, I looked at filling the space in more meaningful ways so I decided to revisit the world of knitting. I had some basic knitting lessons from a work colleague in my “youth” but to knit

something that someone would actually wear bit the dust really quickly as my first project, a jumper for my son, didn't turn out well as he refused to wear it!



Don't tell him but it was terrible!

So I took a welcome break from the heavy reporting of the daily news, YouTube surfing, reruns of The Big Bang Theory and ordered some wool, knitting needles and started knitting. Guess what? I loved it!!!



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Now, while I won't be winning any awards or entering any competitions, my first project went into another, then another...and another...evidence below of my first try outs.





I very quickly realised how relaxing and therapeutic it was and that following a pattern isn't nearly as difficult as I had built it up in my mind to be. I found myself looking forward to and thinking about what I could make next...even purchasing wool so I could build stock for future projects. Just wow - who knew this was me!

My projects have been short and sweet so far - like my other favourite past time which is baking - and what I've learnt about myself during these very strange times is how much I enjoy making things.



I'm so looking forward to the months ahead where I can explore and try out different patterns and techniques to increase my knitting repertoire.

Watch out, it'll be socks for everyone at Christmas!!

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By the way, below are those acronyms in full

WiP = Work in progress
CO = Cast on (the first stitches)
K1, P1 = knit one, purl one
K2tog = knit two stitches together

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