

It's a bit late into January to be sharing Christmas stuff but I only just got my last picture at lunch today. My Christmas knitting this year was all hats. I can't remember what put the idea into my head but it seemed very achievable so I went with it. It was a lot of fun to pick out a pattern and yarn for each person; I tried out three new yarns and two new patterns. Here's the run down:

For Mum:



Pattern: [Icing Swirl Hat](#) by Ysolda Teague

Yarn: [Quince and Co.](#) Puffin in Winesap

Size: 22"

Yardage: The whole skein (except enough to tie the wrappings shut).

Needles: 5.0 mm

Mum's was the first hat finished. I did the whole thing in two sittings in the same afternoon (my Ravelry notes tell me that Zeke was on my lap both times). I've made this pattern up once before in a very soft alpaca yarn and it was really neat to see how different it looks in a wool. My gauge, sizing and needles were exactly the same for each hat but where the alpaca hat is decidedly droopy and soft, the wool version has much more body and really shows off the swirl. This was my first try of a Quince and Co. yarn and I was really pleased with the Puffin. Most of the very bulky yarns I've used have been very soft and fluffy; Puffin has plenty of loft but still feels sturdy - a little bit felted even - and works up into a fabric that feels both soft and strong. It would make a great jacket or a big blanket.

For Dad:

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