



I finished my fiddlehead mittens with just 25 minutes to spare on Tuesday night. I wanted to post another in-progress update while I was working on them but realized it was going to cost me vital knitting time. I finished the first lining on Monday night and cursed myself for not working on it more on Sunday afternoon because I now had only Tuesday left to do the whole second lining. The only thing to do was knit as much as I could on Tuesday and see how far I got. I made it through the whole cuff of the lining just using up those little bits of time that usually get wasted in the course of the day (waiting for kettle to boil or the car to warm up etc.). After dinner I plunked myself on the couch and knit.

And knit.

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And when I ran out of purple I grabbed the leftover ball of red (because it's lining and why not) and knit some more.

And then I cast off and wove in my ends and looked at the clock and it was 11:35.

(And then Rob and I spent ten minutes trying to convince my computer that I really did have a keyboard and mouse so I could log my finished status in the knit-a-long group on Ravelry).

I've worn my mittens a couple of times already but we've been enjoying a nice warm spell and I haven't been able to really put them to the test. All the layers seem like they will help keep out the wind and I'm hoping my hands will stay a little warmer when Abby and I go out for walks. Environment Canada says the temperature will be dropping again by Monday so I'll have an opportunity to see how warm they really are.

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