

The Saga of John's Tardis Hat

This conversation started in early June 2022 and has intermixed conversation on socks/CrazyFishLady.

From Jay (New York City): Carol, Virginia made her brother John a hat using special yarn, that a while ago someone stole off his head while sleeping on the subway. John was upset when it was stolen, he's now devastated that he no longer has it.

Do you think it's possible for someone to make a replacement hat for him to wear and remember her with? He's willing to pay for supplies.

Original hat. She made this one for John, and a smaller one for herself from the remnant.



Carol Kimball (Denver): The problem isn't can someone make him a hat, but can you guys deal with a couple dozen replacements!?! Let me post. Get ready to duck!

My thought here is to let everybody who wants to make one. He can keep the one(s) he likes best and pass the others along to a homeless shelter.

(UnplannedCauli and FrombleWitz grabbed screen shots from Ravelry with specs)

Ollycob (Cornwall): I'd be game, a hat is small and cheap enough to post to the states. Does it need to be blue?

MoxieGrrl (Seattle): Random: she completed that hat on my birthday. I'll definitely make one or more hats for shelters.



bioartist (Olympia area, Washington): I think I have that yarn! It may not be the same weight, but I will check. I can totally make a hat and send it.

CK to Jay: People are combing the internet for this yarn colorway, including venabler (California). I suspect John is going to be getting several hats.

There could be a video of him sleeping on the subway:

Someone snatches his hat.

He reaches into his pack and puts on another...

Lather, rinse, repeat.

Amara (New Jersey): I'M IN. I will need to find an appropriate yarn but I'm in.

MoxieGrrl (Seattle): Okay, after some Google research, Mosaic Moon has an Exploding Tardis colorway.

Jay: Carol, Thank you so much. It fills my heart to know Virginia has touched so many lives and so many people want to honor her.

(chatter)

Jay: ...LOL, I don't want to expend all the goodwill at once. I was going to extort you guys to darn the socks she made for years to come as they wear down.

CK: I don't think you're going to run out of enthusiasts any time soon.

Over three years ago, a wonderful nutball named CrazyFishLady coded on the operating table. People are still knitting/crocheting with yarn bought for her designs, and that shows no sign of tapering off.

Socks? I'm sure there will be plenty of mending volunteers!

Take a couple photographs of the best-fitting pairs of any that are getting thin spots and send them to me (in your copious spare time). I can document gauge etc. for the team before passing them along. The trick is to mend them before holes actually wear through.

beadlizard (California): I love darning
snowkri (Alabama): I'm happy to darn things!

Pimmie (Netherlands): Perhaps one or several of the monthly thread dyers would be willing to make an exploding TARDIS colourway? @Kralalien or @pinsandneedlesuk

FrombleWitz (France): There's also rainfeather13, RiverKnits

emjayemm (North Yorkshire UK): If anyone would like to try the Riverknits Starry Nights yarn, I've got a skein and would be happy to send it to someone to make a hat with...

Kralalien (Netherlands): Mine is a bit darker I think but I don't have it at hand at the moment. However I can try and see if I can just dye a likewise colourway. I just don't have a sportweight base, only 4ply or DK.

CK: Despite you stating up front that this was a project bag, my mind kept telling me it was a Tardis holding rising cinnamon rolls.

Kralalien: And once you see it... You can't unsee it!



Kralalien: Well that was an adventure! It's not gonna be the same as I don't think that's nice to a dyer. But this is what I made.

CK: While it's important to get John's hat's yarn as close to the original as we can, at least as important is the willingness to make the effort. How closely the new one(s) match, emotionally, for him, is out of our control. I will come down hard on validation for anyone tackling this.

So, please post photos of what you're getting. I'll send them to Jay to forward to John so they can know the efforts being made here.

Amara: (on enjoyemm's offer) I mean I could definitely hat-ify it if you think it'll be close enough to mimic. I mean even if it's not perfect, still similar right?!

enjoyemm: it's 4 ply if that's OK. If you'd like it send me your address by DM and I'll sort it out. May take a while to get to you as I'm in the UK (assuming you're not!)

Amara: I'm east coast. And all 4 ply means is how quickly it will be hatified ty! I'll DM you.

bioartist: It might be a liiiiittle longer before I get the hat done. We just added a fourth litter of kittens to our fostering load and these ones are tiny. (CK offered to take hers over)

CK: This is the hat @bioartist started for Virginia's brother John. It will go out to Jay with the current batch of cards today via PirateShip.

bioartist : Oh my god it turned out amazing! Thank you so much for taking it over!

CK: You're the one who made it happen by getting the yarn and sending it to me – I wasn't up to initiating it! It was useful to pull me through. There wasn't enough yarn left for a second hat for John; arayti got a hat for herself out of her leftovers, but it was tight-fitting and she had a small head.



Chloette (UK?): It is so sweet that she had a matching hat with her brother.

Amara (06/25/2022 – yarn received from enjayemm) This is my in progress hat.



And finished!

Jay recorded a video of John receiving his (first) hat. See "John receives his hat", third down on the right



Second hat received! Second video also up.

Watch this space, more to come...