



Today's post comes to you from designer Shannon Okey. She tells us about the gravitational pull of the color green, and the inspiration for [these lovely socks](#). You can keep up with Shannon on her website, [here](#).



I've always been a Color Person -- but generally a wildly disorganized one. Only when my mother volunteered to come organize all my yarn onto one of my studio walls (I deliberately installed slatwall in the studio for this purpose and then never got around to it) did I see just how many shades of color I actually owned!



Inevitably, I end up buying green. It's almost a joke -- when I was on book tour with Kim Werker in 2006, if she got to the yarn shop before me, she'd actually pull skeins of yarn out that she knew I was probably going to end up buying, and they were all green. (And all bought, for that matter, eventually leading to this sweater called Green Fingers). The color cries out to me in the shop before the actual yarn itself does most of the time.

So, when it came to designing these socks, I knew full well what colors I wanted to put together, and the first pair (the sample seen here was knit by my beloved summer intern Sarah Jo Burch) were rich and warm, just like the brick and tiles of the building in Budapest that inspired it. The Shibui sock yarn in Wasabi and Honey just sang together. I almost could feel the late summer sun on my back. One of the last times I was in Budapest (I myself interned and had an academic fellowship in Munich and Prague, so I went down to Budapest quite a lot: I even applied for grad school there) I walked past the central market hall that I'd based this pattern on and just stopped in the middle of the sidewalk. There's something about the way the light hits those old buildings at certain times of day. It's breathtaking.



*Photo Credit: Sarah Jo Burch*

The stitch patterns and colorwork in these socks will look good in any color combination, but if you ask me, why not find colors that make you want to grab a cappuccino and a newspaper to read while you're basking in the sun? If the color makes you happy, the finished item will make you happy!

