

Julia here.

Hard on the heels of Rhinebeck, I found myself able to go with friends to [Stitches East](#), the biggest retail show in the business right in my own backyard (practically) in Hartford, CT. Once there, I quickly happened across Stephanie of [Handknit Heroes](#) and Allison of [The Knit Princess](#) sharing a booth.



I purchased a kit for a superhero mask from Stephanie, hoping that I might have enough time to get this knit by Hallowe'en. I mean Hallowe'en, 2010. You can get one too [on her website](#).



Neato, huh?

The rest of my Friday in the big market was spent reeling from one fantastic booth to the next, admiring the goods of local ([WEBS](#)) and not-so-local retailers ([Modern Yarn](#)), yarn manufacturers ([Kollage](#)), indie dyers ([Ivy Brambles](#)), and handmade yarns by the spinners of [Indie Spun](#), all while renewing my acquisitive interest in things like a complete set of dpns from [Signature Needle Arts](#), a Boye eclectic ball winder from [Yarn Bazaar](#) (helloooo Santa),



and actually buying two of these goodies for knitters on my own Christmas list, Knit-out boxes from [Lantern Moon](#) that I had originally seen at TNNA.



I also got to knit on [The Big Sock](#). I look a little demented in this photo, but it is an action shot, after all. I mean, that knitter is mooving.



