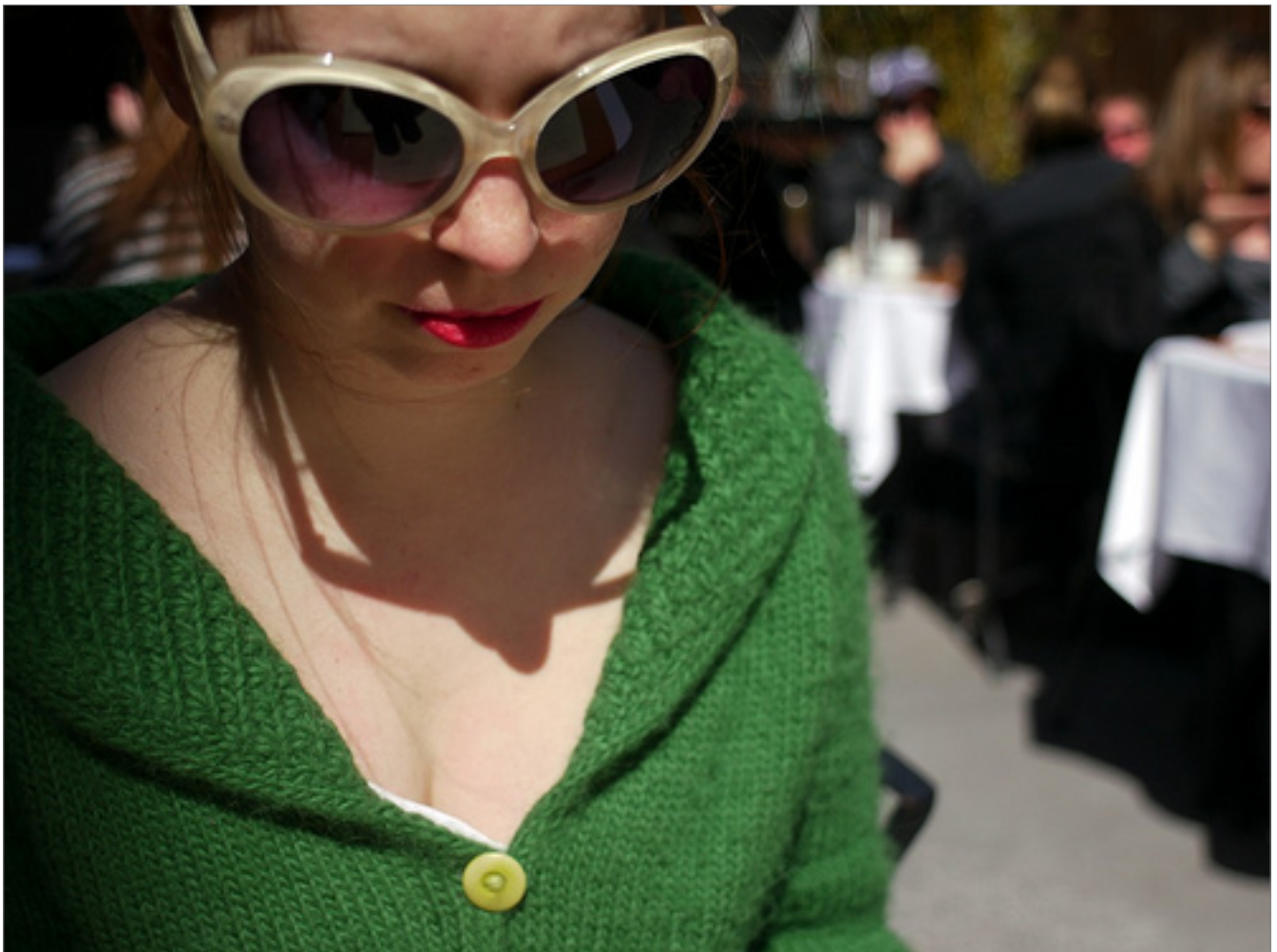




Jenn Jarvis' third design for Twist Collective, [Stellar](#), is a great layering piece for those breezy spring days. In today's post, she talks about her original prototype. This is a cross post from her own [blog](#). You can also see her other Twist Collective patterns; [Argyle Jacket](#) and [Kerouac](#).



Since I hadn't ever taken pictures of my green Stellar prototype for you I figured I do a little mini

photoshoot so you could see another version of it.



This one's in Frog Tree Alpaca, so it's a little more drapey, but the texture is hidden. The O-Wool of the orange one is great for stitch definition and I think it will wash up really well, but I think I'd like to try making another in a different yarn. Something with a little more drape or loft (but without the halo of the alpaca) and see what happens there. I can't wait to see pictures of ones other people make.



I made the neckline a little too wide on this one, so it falls off my shoulders a little bit. I made the neckline a little closer on the actual one for the magazine. It'll wear so much better (and easier! Picking up my neckline all the times is annoying). I also made it a little longer in the body and in the sleeves. Not everyone is as short as me. (You can tell in the [silly pictures I took of me in the orange version](#). Those sleeves are hanging.)



Follow the instructions for the collar join exactly as written in the pattern. The orange collar looks perfect. This one, not so much. I'm not showing you that join. It's a little sad. Making a prototype really helps work out all those funky little construction details the first time around. It's hard to take the time to make prototypes for everything, so I try to swatch all the little details as I'm knitting. Deadlines make that difficult sometimes though.



I love the I-cord buttonbands and collar trim. It looks nice and knits up so easily. And the sewn-in hems are so nice. They require a good wet blocking to make them stay in place, but after that the collar has a nice drape, the hems stay in place and everything falls a little better. I love a good wet block – it cures so many evils. I do need to take a razor to my sweater though. The pills are getting out of hand.



Also – I'm totally in love with my new sunglasses. I just look too damn cool.