WIP It! Finish More Works in Progress.

Step 1: Pull out all those WIPs

This is the hardest part. But it can be quick and relatively painless. All you need is a little resolve – and the support of your fiber friends!

Go digging – in your stash, in the closet, under the bed...

And if you're like us, you'll need to empty out all those knitting bags!

Pull out any Works In Progress and put them all in one place where you can easily sort through them (a dining room table works great).

Take a moment to congratulate yourself for facing all of your WIPs.

Now is a great time to take a photo of all your WIPs. Then move on to Step 2.

Step 2: Identify, re-bag and prioritize.

Now we're getting down to the knitty gritty (pun intended).

FIRST, you may need to do a bit of detective work.

Often, our WIPs can get separated from the pattern, or even from their needles (parked on waste yarn or on interchangeable cords). Yarn labels can also get misplaced. So for each WIP, do your research and complete a WIP ID tag for it (see next page).

SECOND, you may need to re-organize your WIPs. Consider purchasing large, clear ziplock bags and placing each project in a like-size bag, with yourWIP ID tag visible. Hint: Search "Ziplock Big Bags" on Amazon for several choices of sizes.

THIRD, prioritize your WIPs according to project completion date.

Place your #1 priority project in a pretty project bag, and commit to taking any steps needed to complete it.



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WIP ID tag	
Project name:	Project name:
Designer:	Designer:
Needle size/s:	Needle size/s:
Yarn brand/s:	Yarn brand/s:
Yarn color/s:	Yarn color/s:
Do I have enough yarn to complete the project? Yes No	Do I have enough yarn to complete the project? Yes No
Do I need more needles? Yes No	Do I need more needles? Yes No
Do I need any other notions or tools?	Do I need any other notions or tools?
Target completion date:	Target completion date:
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Step 3: Getting un-stuck.

Now look at your organized WIP project bags one by one. Ask yourself: Why did I stop knitting this? Did I get bored? Did I get distracted with a shiny new project? Or did I get stuck?

There are several ways you might have gotten stuck:

You made a mistake and you weren't sure how to fix it
 You encountered a technique or abbreviation you weren't familiar with
 You put down the project and forgot where you were in the pattern

If you got stuck, now is the time to get un-stuck. Take the steps needed to get the project back on track – and then WRITE DOWN the answer/fix when you find it. You can write this on the notes section of the project's WIP ID tag.

Here are strategies for each of the sticking points:

1. You made a mistake and you weren't sure how to fix it Go to your local yarn store or email photos to <u>support@loopslove.com</u> for help.

2. You encountered a technique or abbreviation you weren't familiar with The fix: Search Google or Youtube for the info you need, or email support@loopslove.com

3. You put down the project and forgot where you were in the pattern
 The fix: You know your own knitting the best...so set aside time to refamiliarize yourself with the pattern, then mark on the pattern where you are.
 (It's ok to mark on the pattern – the knitting police will not come to your house!

You can do this! We are cheering you on!



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