

# Circle Notes

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## Knitters are the nicest people

Recently I received a phone call from a knitter who lived outside our area asking for some assistance. It seems that she had started knitting two sweaters for her two year old grand daughter and was just not able to finish them because of a flair up of carpal tunnel syndrome. She was particularly concerned that her grand daughter would out grow them before she was ever able to finish them.



Textured yarn can be difficult to knit with

I assured her that I would do what I could by contacting our members and letting them know of her predicament. After putting down the phone I knew it would be no small matter for someone to take up where another knitter had left off without experiencing a few glitches along the way.

I decided to call Pat and let her know of the situation. To my surprise and relief, Pat immediately volunteered to finish the sweaters. Pat is a seasoned knitter, with many sweaters, socks, vests, and afghans to her credit. I knew the projects would be in very capable hands.

A week or so had passed and I was anxious to know more about the progress of the sweaters, so I decided to pay Pat a visit. During our visit we discussed the challenges of completing a project someone else had started and the particular difficulties of this pattern. I thought I would share some of the points of our conversation.

### Working with textured yarn

Pat showed me the first sweater which is a simple raglan sleeved, pink bodied sweater with a gorgeous pink variegated, textured yarn for the collar, cuffs, and front button panels.

The first photo shows the finished front button panel with the added beauty textured yarn can bring. Although projects made with textured yarn are very lush and beautiful to look and feel, the actual process of knitting with this yarn can be difficult. It's important to keep track of stitches and rows when working with textured yarn, as it is very difficult to see the stitches. *cont. on page 2*



Sweater is ready to be sewn together