

# Notebooks

I need to know what size  
needle I used for a hat I knit  
two years ago and I can't  
remember... *tell me! I need to  
know right now!!*

Okay, maybe not *that* Notebook...

Your **RAVELRY** Notebook or a paper, DIY version that you can use to keep track of projects, needles, stash, and all sorts of things to make your knitting life simpler by keeping important information in one place.

*[Rather than digging through shopping bags, project bags, Rubbermaid tubs and the couch cushion to find yarn labels, patterns, or that bright yellow sticky pad (no honey, the **BRIGHT** yellow one, that's the **light** yellow pad) where you wrote down the numbers you need right now.]*

# Ravelry – 8,000,000 strong & growing

- If you don't have a Ravelry account, consider setting one up. Having a Rav account does not expose your personal or financial information on the web. The Ravelry community is self-policing and it really works.
- Volunteer Moderators work within Groups and on Discussion Boards to keep activity in line with Ravelry's Community Guidelines and the agreed upon rules in each Group.
- Ravelry is a helpful place full of other fiber folk, it's free and safe.

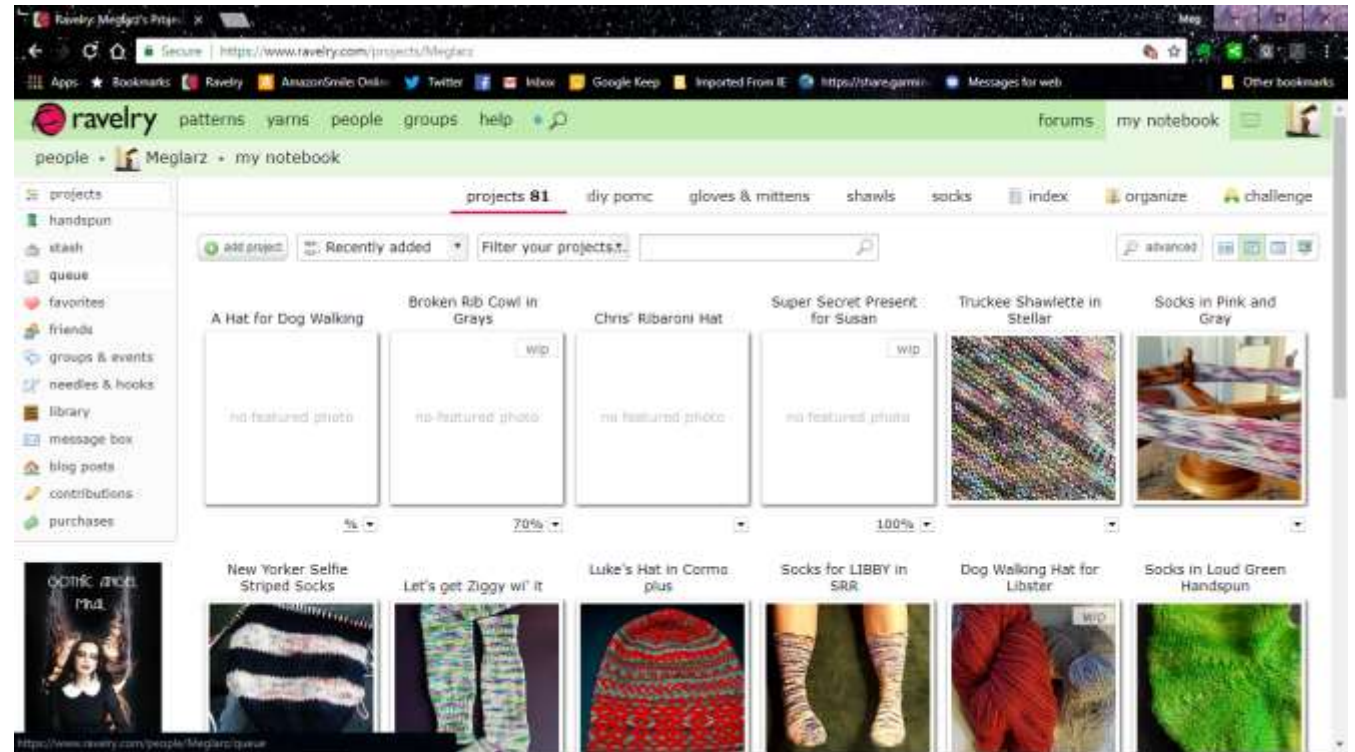
# My Notebook -

You can keep all sorts of useful information in your Ravelry notebook.

Tonight we're going to concentrate on the most basic and perhaps the most used – **PROJECTS**

How to set up a New Project in your Ravelry Notebook, with a couple variations on that theme.

1. Using a pattern that's on Rav
2. Using a pattern you made up.



# Using a pattern that's on Ravelry

Rib-a-Roni is a free pattern that I love to use for hats. Lots of sizes, weights of yarn, you name it – it's quick and easy.

Step One: click Add a Project, that will take you to this screen >>>>>


Choose your craft

Name your project

IF you are using a pattern, just type in the name,

Then CONTINUE

megiarz > notebook > projects > new project



You are adding you  
81st project

**Which craft?**

Knitting

**Name your project**

A Hat for Dog Walking

I used a pattern

**Enter the pattern name**

Rib a Roni







I didn't use a pattern

The pattern that I used is not in Ravelry

Continue

# Pick the Pattern

A list of possible matches to the pattern name you entered will greet you on the next screen, pick the one you're using

<p><u><a href="#">Rib-A-Roni</a></u> <small>FREE</small> by Jane Tanner from Windy Prairie Designs 5 stitches = 1 inch</p>		<p><u>3076 projects</u> ★★★★★ 858 ratings</p>	<p>choose this pattern</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Mini Roni Hat</a></u> by Jane Tanner from Windy Prairie Designs 7 stitches = 1 inch</p>		<p><u>126 projects</u> ★★★★★ 36 ratings</p>	<p>choose this pattern</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Fingerless Mitts</a></u> <small>FREE</small> by Roni Knutson from Roni Knutson's Machine Knitting Page 24 stitches and 28 rows = 4 inches</p>		<p><u>21 projects</u> ★★★★★ 8 ratings</p>	<p>choose this pattern</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Hockey Socks Tutorial</a></u> <small>FREE</small> by Roni's downloads from roni's downloads</p>		<p><u>7 projects</u> ★★★★★ 2 ratings</p>	<p>choose this pattern</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Machine Knit Smocked Pearl Batwi...</a></u> <small>FREE</small> by Roni Knutson from Roni Knutson's Machine Knitting Page 16 stitches and 22 rows = 4 inches</p>		<p><u>1 project</u></p>	<p>choose this pattern</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Rulky Roni</a></u></p>		<p><u>12 projects</u></p>	

# Add Needles & Yarn

A drop down list of needle sizes will appear when you click on the icon.



Add the date you started the project



Share your project with the Guild or another group



Add the Yarn you're using



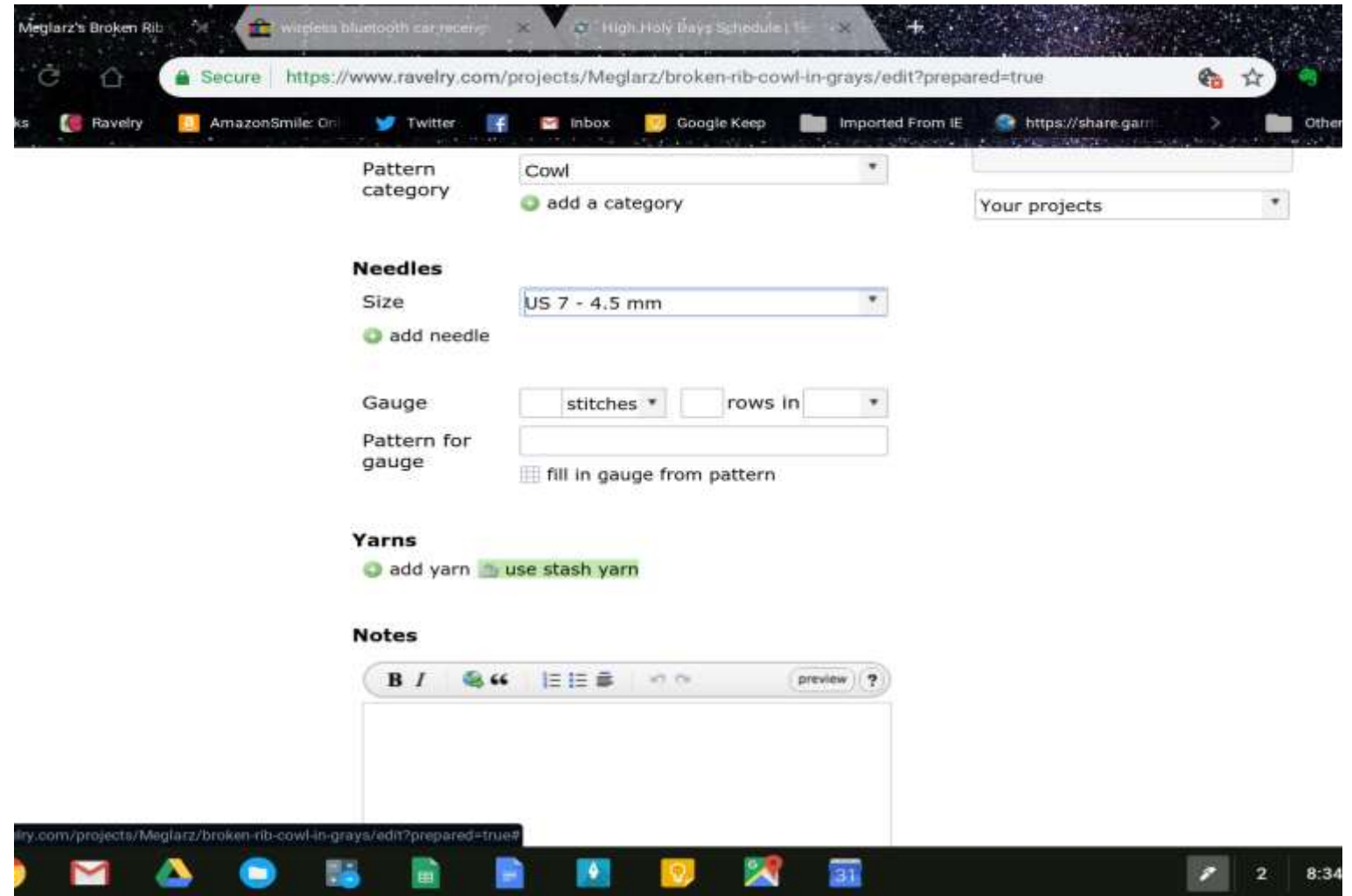
The screenshot shows the Ravelry project edit page for "A Hat for Dog Walking". The page includes a header with navigation links (ns, yarns, people, groups, help) and a breadcrumb trail (ok > projects > A Hat for Dog Walking). The main content area is divided into several sections:

- add photos:** A placeholder for a featured photo with the text "no featured photo".
- Project Details:** Fields for Name ("A Hat for Dog Walking"), Made for, Link to Raveler, Finish by, Size made, Pattern name ("Rib-A-Roni"), Craft ("Knitting"), and Tags.
- Needles:** A section with an "add needle" button, Gauge (stitches and rows in), and Pattern for gauge (with a "fill in gauge from pattern" option).
- Yarns:** A section with an "add yarn" button and a "use stash yarn" option.
- Status and Progress:** A "Status" dropdown set to "In progress", a progress bar, and fields for "Started" and "Completed" dates.
- groups:** A section with a "Share with a group..." dropdown menu.
- About this pattern:** A section providing details about the pattern "Rib-A-Roni" by Jane Tanner from Windy Prairie Designs, including a star rating, difficulty rating, and a note that it has 3077 projects in 2003 queues.

Annotations include:

- A green arrow pointing to the "add needle" button in the Needles section.
- A purple arrow pointing to the "Started" date field.
- A yellow arrow pointing to the "Share with a group..." dropdown menu.
- A red arrow pointing to the "add yarn" button in the Yarns section.

# Stash Yarn





The stash yarn list is alphabetical and you can page through the whole list or search for a particular yarn or company.

I wanted to use this vintage Green Mountain Spinnery yarn for the hat & here it is.

Click USE

gnarledpaw Freddy Helix		Lucy's Zinger	400 yards	use
gnarledpaw Shawl for The Best		Extreme Painted Sky	490 yards	use
gnarledpaw Twinkle- Twinkle Gold		Joanie	438 yards	use
Green Mountain Spinnery Double Twist		Blueberry	2088 750 yards	use
Green Mountain Spinnery Double Twist		Forget me not	1852 250 yards	use
Green Mountain Spinnery Double Twist		Green	250 yards	use
Green Mountain Spinnery Double Twist		Light grey	1500 yards	use
Green Mountain Spinnery Wonderfully Woolly		Win	1750 yards	use
Harrisville Designs Shetland		pink	1905 yards	use
Hedgehog Fibres Sock		Ink	400 m	use
Hedgehog Fibres Sock		Petrol	400 m	use
Hedgehog Fibres Sock		Salty tales	400 m	use
Hedgehog Fibres Twist Sock		Nutmeg	399 yards	use

add yarn use stash yarn

**Notes**

B I [icons] preview ?

Ready to Cast On

WAIT!!!

Don't forget  
this important  
step ....



Link to Raveler

Finish by

Size made

Pattern name

[additional patterns...](#)

Craft

Tags

#### Needles

Size

[add needle](#)

Gauge

Pattern for gauge

[fill in gauge from pattern](#)

#### Yarns

Stash

Colorway

Weight

Per skein:

Skeins

[or enter totals instead](#)

Started

Completed

groups

#### About this pattern

[Rib-A-Roni](#)  
by [Jane Tanner](#)  
from [Windy Prairie Designs](#)

my star rating  
★★★★★

my difficulty rating  
█

[3077 projects](#), in 2003 queues

Your projects

**THIS** important  
step ...

Click in either box  
that says:

**SAVE CHANGES**

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.ravelry.com/projects/Meglarz/rib-a-roni-3/edit?prepared=true>. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. Below the browser, a navigation bar contains links for 'yarns', 'people', 'groups', 'help', and 'forums'. A breadcrumb trail shows 'projects > A Hat for Dog Walking' followed by a 'save changes' button, which is highlighted by a yellow arrow. Below this, there are options to 'add yarn' and 'use stash yarn'. A 'Notes' section features a rich text editor with a toolbar containing bold, italic, quote, list, and link icons, and a 'preview' button. Below the editor, there are two buttons: 'close without saving' and 'Save changes', with a yellow arrow pointing to the latter. At the bottom of the page, a footer contains a list of links: Home, About Us, Advertising, Help, Donating, Goodies, Ravelry Merch, Mobile & Apps, API, Community Guidelines, Terms of Use & Privacy, and social media icons for Twitter and Ravelry.

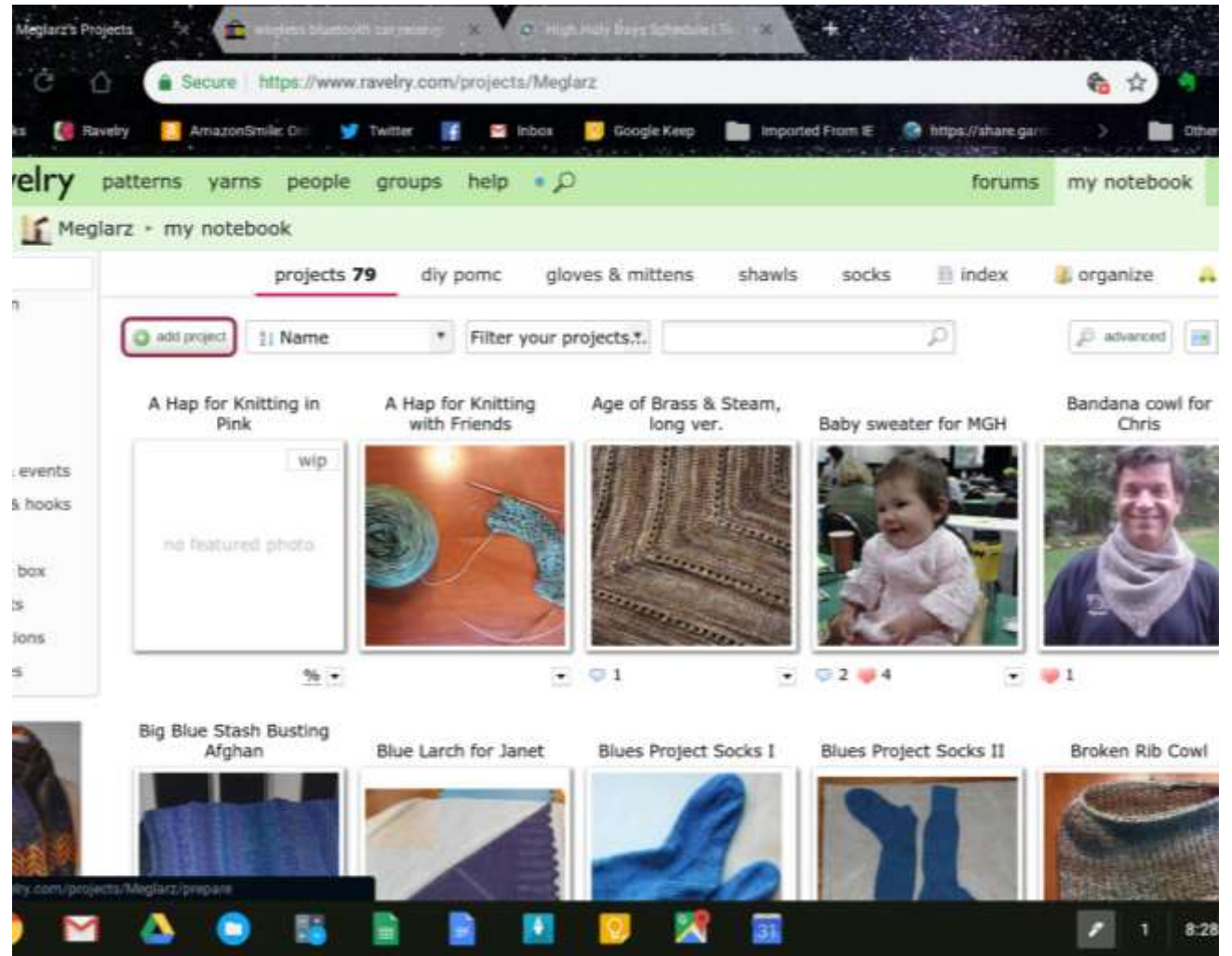
# Project using your own pattern

- **Your own pattern....** Meaning a pattern that you've made up, made from memory or so simple that it's not worth looking for someone else's pattern.

For example – I've made the same cowl for years. Worsted weight-ish yarn, #7 or #8 needles, Cast on 100 stitches, join and knit [1 round plain knit, 1 round of K1,P1 rib] until you just about run out of yarn. Bind off stretchily.

It's more of a recipe than a pattern, a guideline, if you will.

Here's how to do  
it:  
Add Project



Just as before –

Pick a craft

Name the project

In the PATTERN section,


Click the appropriate button

https://www.ravelry.com/projects/Meglarz/prepare

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yarns people groups help forums

Meglarz > notebook > projects > new project

 You are adding your 83rd project

**Which craft?**  
Knitting

**Name your project**

I used a pattern

**Enter the pattern name**

I didn't use a pattern

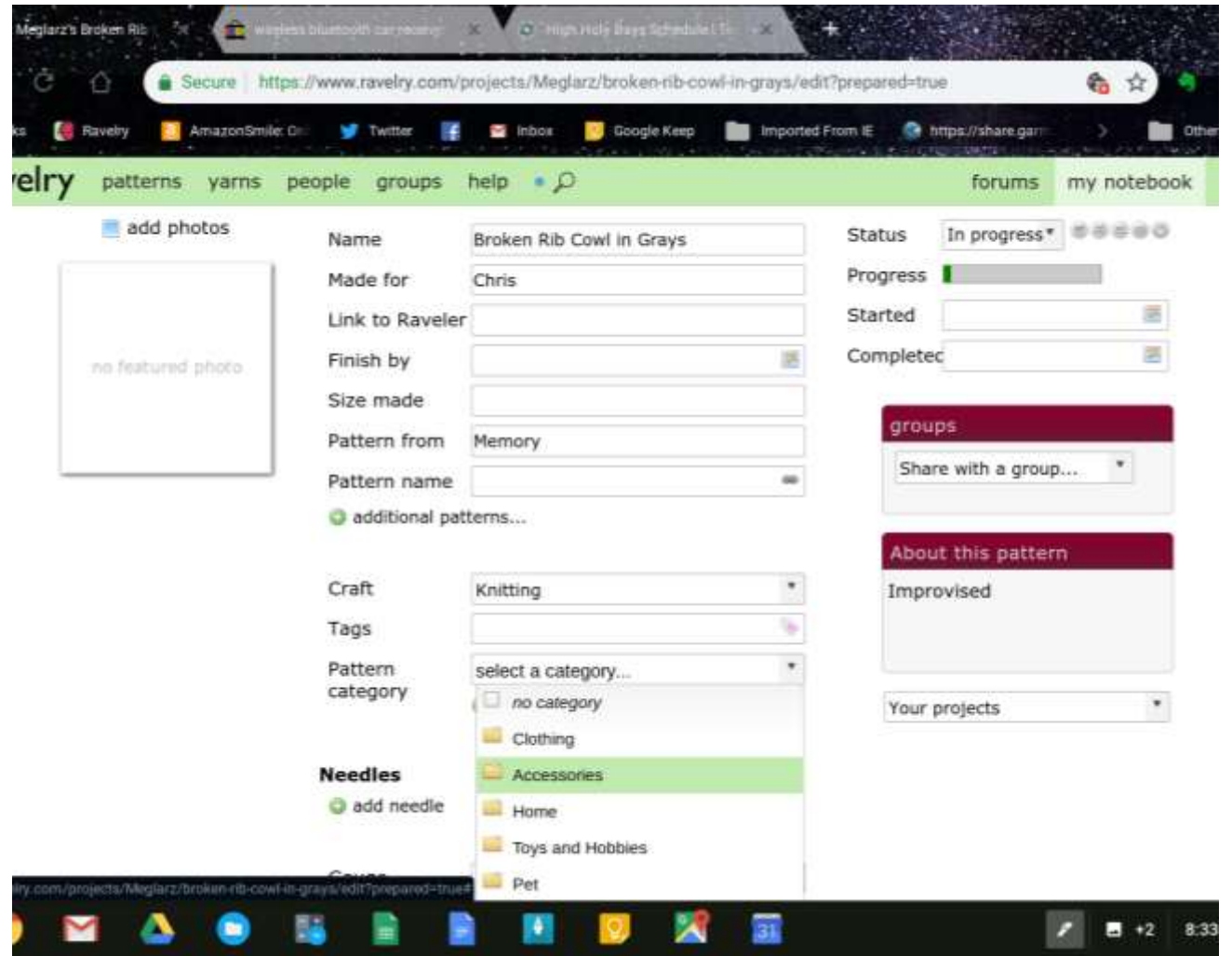
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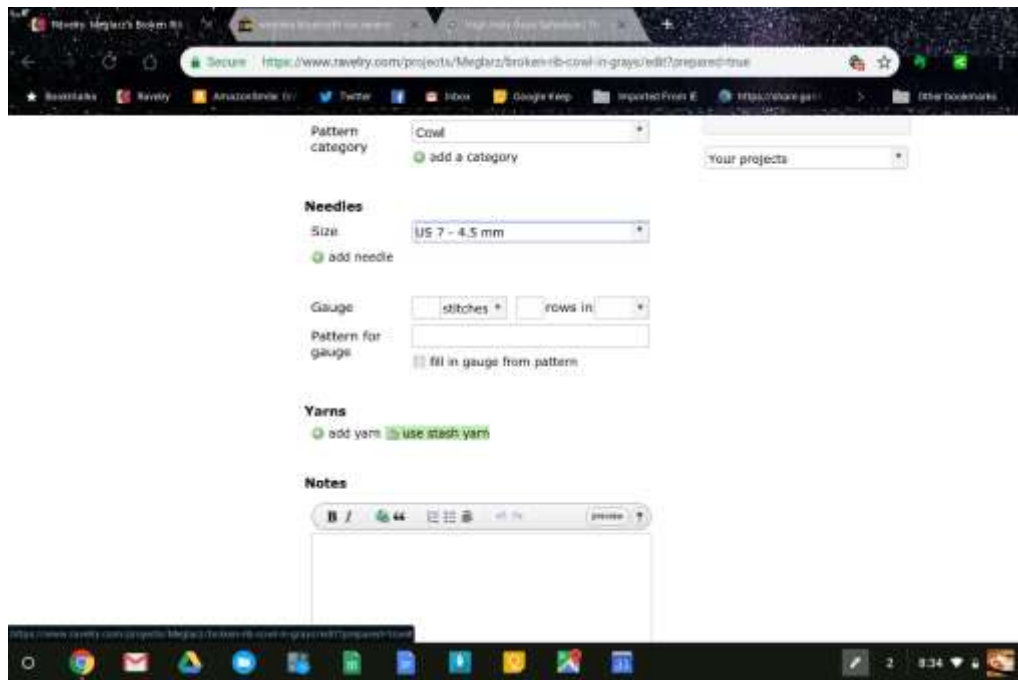
Complete the info section as you see fit.

I usually just say that the pattern is from Memory or “I made it up.”

These notes are for YOUR reference, not posterity, necessarily. Put in the information that you find useful and helpful.



# Again, add needle and yarn info



The screenshot shows the Ravelry project page for "Broken Rib Cowl in Grays". The "Needles" section is set to "US 7 - 4.5 mm". The "Yarns" section has a green button labeled "use stash yarn".

**Needles**

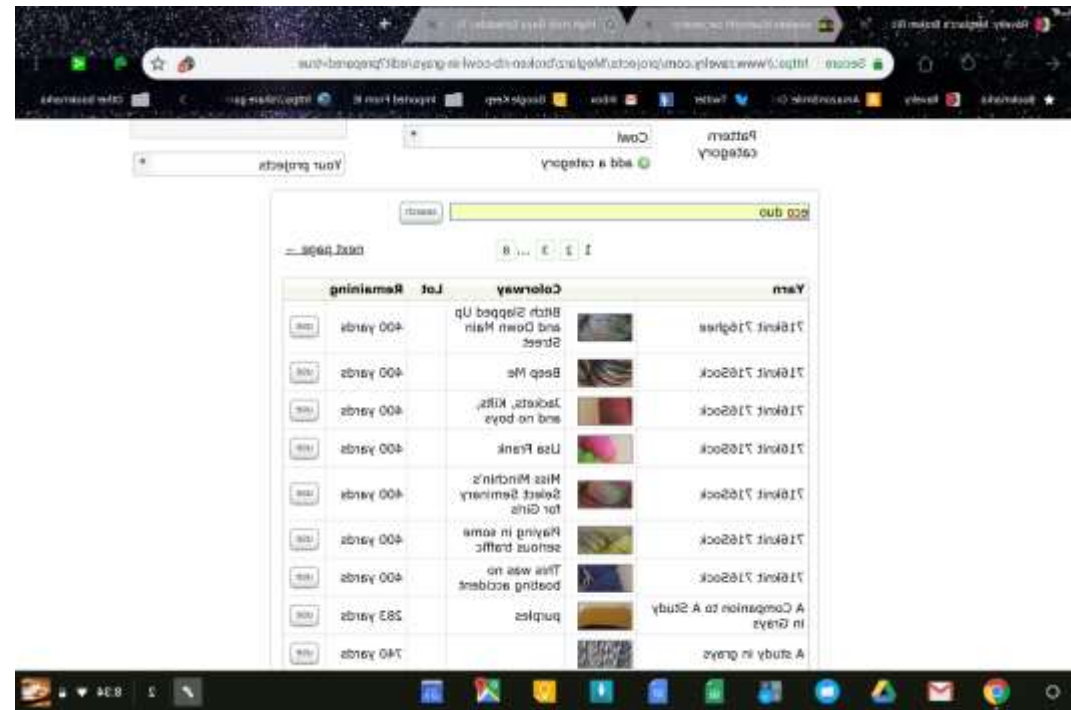
Size: US 7 - 4.5 mm

Gauge: stitches rows in

Pattern for gauge: fill in gauge from pattern

**Yarns**

add yarn use stash yarn



The screenshot shows the Ravelry project page for "Broken Rib Cowl in Grays" with the "Yarn" section expanded. The table lists the following yarn details:

Yarn	Colorway	Lot	Remaining
1180ft 7160ck	Black Striped Up and Down Main Street		400 yards
1180ft 7160ck	Beep Me		400 yards
1180ft 7160ck	Jackets, Kites, and no boys		400 yards
1180ft 7160ck	Lisa Frank		400 yards
1180ft 7160ck	Miss Murchin's Secret Seminary for Girls		400 yards
1180ft 7160ck	Playing in some serious traffic		400 yards
1180ft 7160ck	This was no posting accident		400 yards
A Companion to Study in Grays	purples		283 yards
A study in grays			140 yards



Pattern category:

eco duo  [clear search](#)

Yarn	Colorway	Lot	Remaining
Cascade Yarns® Eco Duo		1703	197 yards <input type="button" value="use"/>

Don't forget to Save!

Ravelry: Meglarz's Broken Rib

Secure | <https://www.ravelry.com/projects/Meglarz/broken-rib-cowl-in-grays/edit?prepared=true>


**Needs**

Size:

Gauge:

**Yarns**

Stash: [Cascade Yarns® Eco Duo](#)

Colorway:  1703

Weight: Aran (8 wpi)

Purchased at: The Fuzzy Bunny studio at Honeoye Craft Lab in Honeoye, New York

Per skein:  Yards  Grams

Skeins:   
= 100 grams / 197 yards

# All done

The screenshot shows a Ravelry project page for 'Broken Rib Cowl in Grays'. The page is viewed on a mobile browser, with the URL <https://www.ravelry.com/projects/Meglarz/Broken-Rib-Cowl-in-Grays> visible in the address bar. The page layout includes a header with navigation links, a main content area with project details, and a sidebar with additional information.

**Project Info**

Name	Broken Rib Cowl in Grays
Pattern from	Memory
Craft	Knitting
Made for	Chris
Tags	
Category	Neck / Torso → Cowl

**Needles & yarn**

Needle	US 7 - 4.5 mm
Yarn	Cascade Yarns® Eco Duo
Stash	none left in stash
How much?	1 skein = 197.0 yards (180.1 meters), 100 grams
Colorway	1203
Color family	Gray
Purchased at	The Fuzzy Bunny studio at Honeoye Craft Lab in Honeoye, New York
Purchase date	November 13, 2017

**Notes**

viewed 8 times

**Project Info Summary:**

- Status: In progress
- Progress: 70%
- Started: August 16 2018
- Completed: work in progress

**Yarn Summary:**

- Yarn: Eco Duo by Cascade Yarns®
- Aran
- 70% Alpaca, 30% Merino
- 197 yards / 100 grams
- my star rating: 4.5 stars
- 8320 projects
- stashed 5428 times

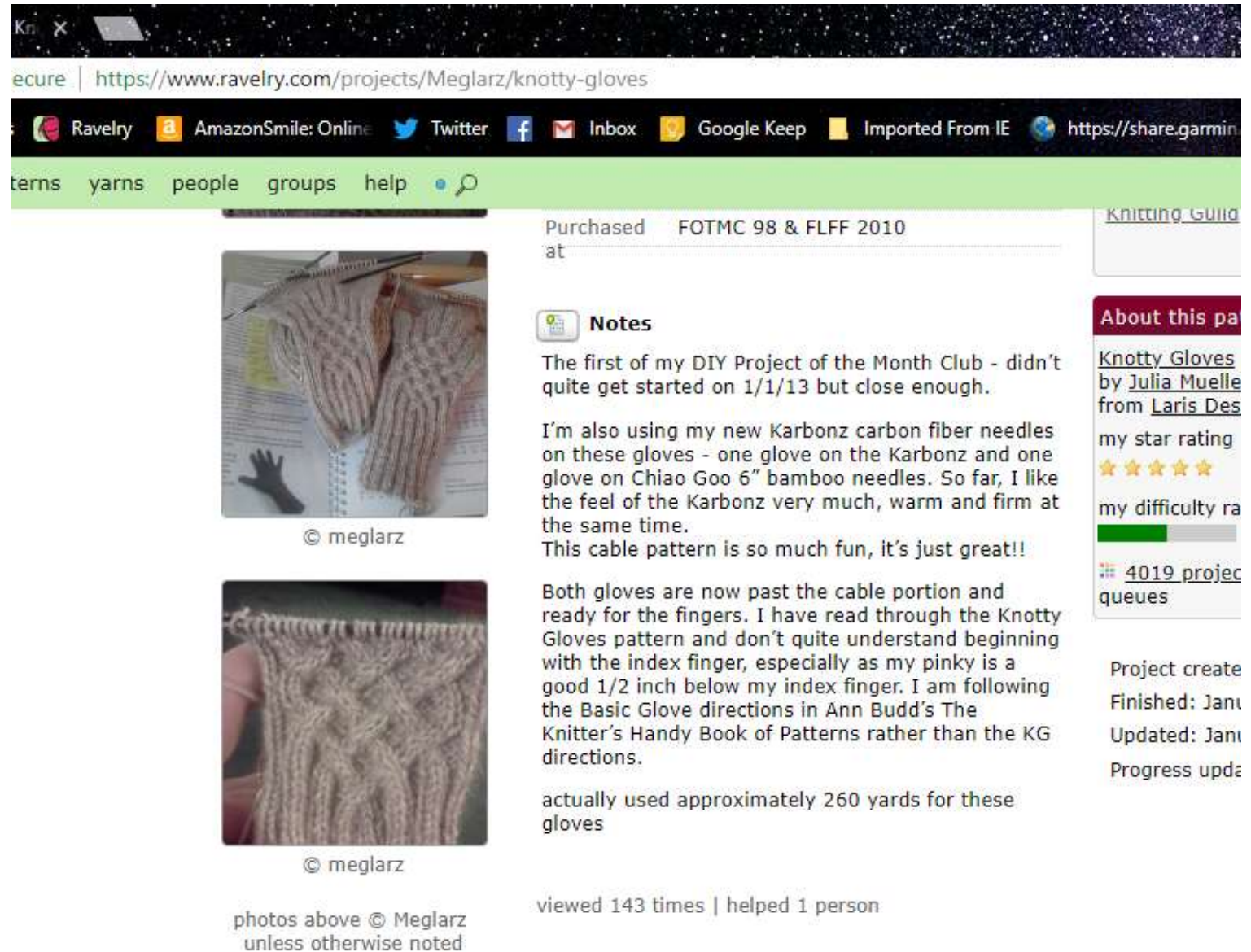
**Project Metadata:**

- Project created: Today
- Updated: Today
- Super Secret Present for Susan

# Add notes!

You'll still be digging around for those yellow sticky notes from time to time but it's very helpful to use the NOTES section on the Project Page. I refer back to projects I made years ago for stitch counts and such.

For example, here are my notes on a pair of gloves I made in 2013




ecure | <https://www.ravelry.com/projects/Meglarz/knotty-gloves>


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**Notes**

The first of my DIY Project of the Month Club - didn't quite get started on 1/1/13 but close enough.

I'm also using my new Karbonz carbon fiber needles on these gloves - one glove on the Karbonz and one glove on Chiao Goo 6" bamboo needles. So far, I like the feel of the Karbonz very much, warm and firm at the same time.

This cable pattern is so much fun, it's just great!!

Both gloves are now past the cable portion and ready for the fingers. I have read through the Knotty Gloves pattern and don't quite understand beginning with the index finger, especially as my pinky is a good 1/2 inch below my index finger. I am following the Basic Glove directions in Ann Budd's The Knitter's Handy Book of Patterns rather than the KG directions.

actually used approximately 260 yards for these gloves

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Knitting Guild

About this pa

[Knotty Gloves](#) by [Julia Muelle](#) from [Laris Des](#)

my star rating

★★★★★

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Project create

Finished: Janu

Updated: Janu

Progress upda

# Let's talk about your needles...

- It's time to cast on, do you know where your needles are?
- Do you know if you have the size/length/type needle you need for this project that you are ready to start?
- Do you have any idea how many size 2 needles you own?
- Why do you own 47 Size #2 Susan Bates 7 inch Silvalume double point needles? Oh wait, that's me.
- Would you invest a little time to make your life easier in the long run?



- projects
- handspun
- stash
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- favorites
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- library
- message box
- blog posts
- contributions
- purchases



chart - standard chart - tiny needles chart - hooks detailed inventory

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hook																																					

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 Screenshot taken  
 Show in folder

# Printables, if you prefer

Printable versions of project pages and needle inventories abound online. We've put a few of each on the RKG website for you to download, print and try out for yourself.

If you prefer a paper notebook, binder, or journal for your recordkeeping, there are many options available. The simplest is probably a three ring binder with sheet protectors for pattern keeping and printing project pages as you need them.

## Needle Inventory [www.KathrynDye.com](http://www.KathrynDye.com)

US size	00	0	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
Stitch																										
Circle	2.4"																									
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Hook																										