

Julia here.

During my trip to Chicago last week, I had a lovely evening at [Nana's Knitting Shop](#) in Oak Lawn. It's a friendly and well-rounded shop perfectly stocked with yarn for just about anything you could ever want to knit, and is obviously the hub of a vibrant knitting community, so I was in my element.



Everyone was enthusiastic and welcoming to the strange East Coaster, and soon discovered that we all had something in common: admiration for the talented Twist Collective designers, like the love being shown to Connie Chang Chinchio's [Peyton](#) here (they're saying, "Milk Cotton? Wow! That's an awesome yarn").



There was an intense yarn selection session for Barbara Gregory's [Mimico](#) (don't miss Peyton, Suvi Simola's [Low Tide Ripples](#), and Ysolda Teague's [Vivian](#) in the background),



and much oohing and ahing over Anne Hanson's [Ice Fantasia](#) (which I was wearing, so I don't have a photo of the heavy petting I got) and Sivia Harding's [Aphrodite](#), worn by Shop Daughter.



That's Kat Coyle's [Ardent Jacket](#) on the mannequin, and Véronik Avery's [Mars hat and scarf set](#) getting some attention on the right. Those patterns always make people extra happy in person.

Thank you, Tricia, and to all your lovely knitters for showing me such a nice time. The late night run to Panera was especially appreciated.