2016 Halloween SW Questionnaire:

Switch Witch Questionnaire

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**A note: The house I share with my S.O is pretty small, and between the two of us and our lifetime of stuff, we don't have a lot of room for trinkets and such. (It doesn't help that we both like to collect, well collectibles.). I've been really making a concerted effort to avoid buying or bringing in items that don't have a purpose. So I'd love to receive anything that has a secondary purpose, even if that purpose is to be a candle and smell good.;) Jewelry, clothing, scarves, pot holders, candles, books, food items. All of that is fine. I'm just trying to avoid collecting more trinkets that don't have a purpose and won't have a place in the house. (This hurts me be cause I love handmade art and sculptures). The only exception might be items that get hung on the wall (prints, cross-stitch etc). Art is always welcome.

Basic Info

Birthday: April 6

Pets: 3 cats: Pestilence, Famine, Ivy-The Death Cat ;)

Children: No children

Religious orientation: No religious affiliation/Atheist

Favorite Holiday: Halloween!

Occupation/Major in school: Molecular Biology/Microbiology; Biology

Living arrangement (by yourself, with roommates, etc): Living w/ Significant Other

Livejournal/Blog/Website: Blog: thegirlandthewolf.com; http://www.lurid-dreaming.livejournal.com

Organizations/Causes/Activities (Things you belong to or causes you believe in):Not an active member, but causes/organizations I believe in and support:

American Cancer Society, Defenders of Wildlife, ASPCA

BPAL

Favorite BPAL oils:(in no particular order) Absinthe, Embalming Fluid, Dorian, Whip, Black Lace, Glowing Vulva (i know!), The Last Unicorn, The High Ranking Courtesan, Men Ringing Bells w/ Penis', Tiki King, CP: Insects

(Note: I currently have bottles of Dorian, Whip, Black Lace, GLowing Vulva, CP: Insects. Of these, i'd welcome any additional amount of Dorian, Black Lace and Glowing Vulva. My aged bottle of Dorian is running low, and I'd welcome any amount of aged or fresh Dorian).

Favorite notes: (No particular order) Musks, teakwood, mahagony, ambers (all types), rich vanillas, teas, leather, oakmoss, tobacco, chocolate, coffee (but BPALs coffee note doesn't usually work for me), roses (but my skin amps this, so have to be careful), night-blooming flowers, orchids, "green" notes, aged patchouli

Favorite non-BPAL perfumes: Haven't tried too many non BPAL, so i don't have favorites yet.

Least favorite notes: Jasmine, cedar (I like it but it turns to pencil shavings on me), powdery-notes, ozone (I love it but it doesn't work on me), cardamom, carnation, anything powdery, Honey is also iff-y on me and often turns to powder (although the honey musk in Venus Murcia works very well!)

Least favorite non-BPAL perfumes: None that I know of.

If Beth made a custom blend for you, what would the notes be, and what would you want the label art to look like? This is a hard one. I have a lot of ideas for scents I'd like to try. But if I had to pick one (especially one evocative of me) it might be something along the lines of: Dark musk, black tea, Leather and Oakmoss, sweetened with vanilla amber, black rose and a touch of sugar, and a hint of cognac. (Would that even work?). I'm not sure about

the art. The teenager in me would want a darkly beautiful sorceress type woman. Adult me isn't so sure. :D

Lifestyle

Style/home decoration style:Dark colors/black. Gothic, Halloween and fantasy elements, themes, motifs. Skulls, bats, ravens are all great. I don't really like goofy, kitchy or silly Halloween decor. Silly pumpkins are cute, but not around my house. Dark woods and metal are preferred colors. Also! I love coffee. A lot.

Pinterest reference: https://www.pinterest.com/girlnamedwinter/art-home-decor/

Favorite decorating colors: Black, silver/dark metals, dark woods (mahogany, cherry, etc), dark purple, dark reds

Things you collect: BPAL (hah!), Fantasy related items, Wolf stuff, Coffee, unique/unusual/themed coffee cups. Used to collect Monster High dolls but I've stopped for now as I'm running out of room. Trying to keep "items" down as our living space is small, but I feel like there is always, ALWAYS room for art.

Favorite music: Goth/Synth(VNV Nation, Covenant, A23, Wolfsheim, Cruxshadows, siouxsie and the banshees, etc), some Industrial(Aesthetic Perfection, NIN, Imperative Reaction, some Ministry, Wumpscut, etc), 80s (Depeche Mode, Duran Duran, etc), some EDM/Trance, mixing of classical/instrumental with other genres (e.g. Lindsey Stirling), "Steampunk" (e.g. Abney park), classical, "Epic" movie soundtracks (Antti Martikainen is great!)

Least favorite music: Most hip hop, rap, country, folk

Vegetarian/Vegan?: (Please be as specific as possible to reduce confusion!) No, but see below...

Other food restrictions: Gluten intolerance/Celiac (this includes barley and malt. Oats are ok if they are listed as certified GF)

Favorite flavors: Coffee! Vanilla, chocolate, berries, citrus, cream

Favorite foods/drinks:Foods: uh. Most anything. :D Love different kinds of cheeses, and a good charcuterie/fruit, cheese, meat plate will make my evening. Fresh fruits. Tacos! Sushi.

Drinks: Coffee.;) Cold brew coffee is my favorite. Also teas (especially iced). Sangria, and any light, fruity refreshing drinks. Don't like things that are very sugary.

Favorite authors/genres: Genres: Fantasy, YA fantasy, some Sci Fi, Manga. Any books on writing or reference books for writing are high on my list too (As I'm attempting to write a novel and doing world building). Mythology reference. Science books.

Authors: This is hard. I don't know that I can list favorite authors. There are authors I've read a lot of, and authors that I haven't read much of but want to read more of. I'm also terrible at remembering names. Here are the ones that are at the forefront of my mind/reading list at the moment. I'm providing these partially to give an idea of what I read in general. Feel free to make suggestions/extrapolate/show me new authors based on this:

David Eddings(I own almost all of his books), Weis/Hickman(DragonLance), Terry Brooks, RA Salvatore, Neil Gaiman, JK Rowling HP Lovecraft, Diane Duane. This may be helpful: https://www.goodreads.com/review/list/11593125 Reading wishlists:

Fiction:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/XLIWKO1C39KY/ref=cm_wl_list_o_4

Non-Fiction:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3AYUYHBS1987P/ref=cm_wl_list_o_5

Writing/Reference:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/181NPXFMN8RN/ref=cm_wl_list_o_6

Least favorite authors/genres: No authors that I know of. I'm open to almost anything and I love learning so I'm open to books on history, references, etc. Religious and Westerns would be the only genres I can think of that I have no interest in reading. Oh, and self help type books.

Books/authors you'd like to read, but haven't yet: Mercedes Lackey(have read some, but not much, want to read more), Mercedes Lackey(haven't read much, want to read more), the new Jim Butcher series (starting with The Cinder Spires: The Aeronaut's Windlass), Anne McCaffrey (I've read some but not much, bad I know!). Old Sci Fi classics (e.g. Jules Verne)

How do you feel about receiving gently used books as gifts? No problem!

Favorite stores (including clothing stores): Hard to answer. I don't really have any absolutely favorite stores. I'm kind of all over the place. I shop at Target a lot (sadly). I am a big Starbucks and Teavana fan. Sephora and Ulta are favorites. Yankee Candle, Hot Topic, Lunchbox, and BlackMarket mineral are places that I sometimes will find stuff I like.

Favorite online stores (including B&B stores): Another hard to answer. I use Amazon A LOT these days. Some online stores that I like (and wish I could shop at more): Pyramidcollection.com, BPAL/BPTP of course, ThinkGeek, Villainess, Heavy Red, Retroscope, UrbanDecay(online or at Ulta/Sephora), Threadless, TeeFury are some that come to mind.

I don't expect to get things from these places, some of them are pretty pricey. But it does give an idea of my style and things I like.

My main amazon wishlist if it helps: https://amzn.com/w/2PI7NLX2GC5ZT

Magazines you subscribe to: None

Magazines you like, but don't subscribe to: I have no idea.

Favorite movies: Ah! "Favorite" questions are so hard for me, because I have a bad memory. This is more "films I remember enjoying": Avengers (and pretty much all of the Marvel films), the LOTR films, Crimson Peak, Disney films (especially the "Renaissance" films: The Little Mermaid through Atlantis), Star Wars, Star Trek (not the new franchise), Jurassic Park (yes, the original) ??

Favorite TV show(s):

Newer/Current: Agents of Shield, Lucifer, Once Upon a Time (Seasons 1-2 at least), Dark Matter, Sherlock, Librarians

Hobbies/crafts done: Paper crafting, scrapbooking, jewelry crafting, painting, knitting, sewing (Starting to do cosplay) a little bit of everything!

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3024CQYA3WF37

https://www.etsv.com/shop/WunderWolfDesigns

Clothing & Jewelry

Hair type: Short, thin. Auburn/red (dyed). It's a year post chemo so I'm still growing it out.

Skin Type: Fair/pale, sensitive, dry.

Allergies (specifically B&B related): Wheat/Gluten (in some lotions and hair products

Other things to avoid: N/a

Tub, shower or both? Both, usually shower.

Favorite bath & beauty products: I am a fan of LUSH and the Villainess products. I like some Bath and Body works scents. I Loved the BPTP soaps when they were available. I was recently introduced to Haus of Gloi, but I don't love them. (DOn't dislike them, but they haven't wow'ed me yet). I haven't experimented much with indie BB products but I do love "fancy" soaps and such. Expose me to something new!

Clothing Style/Fave garments: I tend for comfy and basic, although I do really love elaborate styles (I just don't have the time). For reference, much of what's in the Pyramid collection fits my every day style. Lip Service is a reference for my night/club/going out style. Love skirts, bell sleeves(And bell bottoms), I love dresses and skirts, but I'm not really into "girly" styles. (If that makes sense).

For reference: https://www.pinterest.com/girlnamedwinter/my-style/

https://www.pinterest.com/girlnamedwinter/

https://www.etsy.com/people/WunderWolfDesigns/favorites

Favorite clothing colors/colors to wear:

Black is a favorite. I am "goth". Dark jewel tones, gray, blues/greens, and some earth tones are my next preference.

Type(s) of jewelry worn: I don't wear much jewelry day to day, but I do like having pieces for going out, and more recently for costume pieces (cosplay, and belly-dance). I tend to wear necklaces, some bracelets, ring on occasion. I do love the "slave" bracelet/ring combinations. No earrings. I do have my belly button pierced. I prefer silver, or silver colored metals (steel, platinum, etc).

Ring/wrist/collar size: Ring: 7/7.5 Wrist: 6.25" Collar: 13.5"

Jewelry - gold or silver? Silver! No gold.

Do you have any allergies to metal? Nickel! I can wear jewelry containing nickel for small periods of time, but not more than a few hours so I generally don't buy it. Steel and Sterling Silver are best.

I also don't wear earrings anymore(my ears were very sensitive to nickel).

Favorite gemstones: I love garnets and onyx. I seem to prefer the gemstones and minerals that are less favored and non-precious: tigers eye, malachite, tourmaline, opal, etc.

Sock/Shoe Size: 8 womens. Preferably wide in shoes.

Random Questions:

- On a scale of 1-5, how organized are you?
 3? I like to organize things, and the idea of being organized. My home, however, does not reflect that. I do love lists and list making
- Where, outside of the U.S. would you love to visit? (if you're international, this can be anywhere)

London, Germany, Scandinavia and New Zealand are my "travel here next" destinations.

- -Where, inside of the U.S. would you love to visit?

 Seattle again. New England. I also love the idea of visting the different biomes in the US; deserts, forest, costal areas.
- -Favorite City in the US/World?

 Not sure. I'd love to see Tokyo again.
- Do people tell you that you act older, younger, or your age?

 Older, all my life. My mother used to say I was 12 going on 21.
- -If I gave you a toy gun with flashing lights, would you hide and start shooting people from around corners OR would you thank me on the IGI thread and then quietly donate it (a niece, Oxfam, Goodwill, wherever)? (there are no wrong answers for this, so don't be afraid to answer honestly)Both! I'd mess with the cats, friends, coworkers first. Then donate it. And of course, visit the IGI to thank.
- What animal do you feel like the most? Wolf.

- Your favorite feature about yourself: My cheekbones and eyes. Before I gained weight, my small waist and hour-glass shape. (Curse you corticosteroids!). Also my dark humor.
- Do you live in a neighborhood or in the middle of nowhere? Neighborhood.
-Have you ever thought, "oh, I'm going to get myself one of those one of these days" but then never do? List 1 under \$10 and 1 over \$10. I can't think of anything right now, which means I will as soon as I submit this. :D
- How do you feel about boi witches? I have no feelings on this.
- Do you like garage sales (boot sales)? Sometimes good for rare finds or deals,but I get a bit squicky about buying second hand furniture and such.
- I like to slather my food in: Nothing
- State fairs or carnivals? Carnivals!
- You throw caution to the wind and runaway to join a traveling circus. What job would you want (a main performer, a side show, a behind the scenes spot, etc) and why?

A performer, I think. In this fantasy world I am pretty and talented enough to BE a main stage performer. While I'm an introvert and very self-conscious, I do enjoy performing. At the same time, I enjoy being behind the scenes and "running the show". Either would

work.

- What mythical or fantastic race of creatures (dragons, unicorns, griffins, elves, dwarves, faeries, etc.) do you most identify with?

I love elves, but I myself am not very elf-like. In terms of identifying, I am most likely a Dragon. :D

- Imagine that you're given a shoebox-sized time capsule, and you are asked to put any number of items in the box that symbolize who you are. The items can be may be anything you can imagine, and money is no object, but they must fit within the box. What do you choose? (I'm terrible at these things) Coffee, one of my coffee mugs(maybe my NanoWriMo cup, or one of my Halloween mugs), the tag from my German Shepherd Sascha(who has now passed away), one of my shiny 20 die, a wolf statue/figurine/image, a leather bound journal/spellbook, a beautiful writing quill, a zebra 201 pen (my favorite functional pen to write with), one of my favorite Fantasy books(David Eddings The Belgariad, perhaps, or Terry Brooks Magic Kingdom for nostalgia), A Diane Duane Star Trek: TOS novel, silver DNA charm, a "magic ring" (said anything we could imagine. I wish I could have a magic ring), My/a Nintendo 3DS loaded with all of the Zelda games, a beautiful shimmery black bellydance hip scarf, a map of the Universe (or at least the known Universe so far;)
- Do you need storage boxes/bottles/containers? Decorated or Plain?
 Yes! Either.
- The world has given you the day off. You hear that, no chores, responsibilities, or budget you have to follow. What would you do in those 24 hours?

 Write! Escape to a cabin in the middle of the woods, preferably during fall, with no internet (but basic amenities: electricity, hot water, coffee) and work on my writing (and perhaps some photography)
- Do you like steampunk & if so what kind of steampunk item would you most like to receive?

Yes! I'm not sure what I'd most like to receive though. My Steam Punk wardrobe, accessories and paraphernalia is very very small. Really, anything would be great, whether jewelry or even steam-punk life-accessories (USB keys, etc).

- Do you have an Etsy shop?
 Yep! WunderWolf Designs:
 https://www.etsy.com/shop/WunderWolfDesigns

And, for reference, my etsy favorites and wish list: https://www.etsy.com/people/WunderWolfDesigns/favorites

- Would you like to receive baked goods, if so what kind?

 While I'm supposed to stay relative low-carb, I wouldn't mind a surprise. ;) That said I love baked goods, but they must be gluten free, which includes being made in a gluten free facility. I'm very sensitive to cross contamination. So homemade baked goods aren't something I can do (unless you are also celiac and have a completely gluten free kitchen). Companies like Outrageous baking (http://www.outrageousbaking.com/) with dedicated kitchens are fine. I have a particular love of "sweet" breads: pumpkin, bananut nut, zucchini chocolate, etc.
- What is something totally random (yes, that thing that just popped into your head) that hasn't been covered by any previous questions?

 Shirt size! Medium, although I am a bit large chested (38D).

Notes (Here's where you can add additional information you'd like your Switch Witch to know!):

I hope this doesn't sound presumptive (although the instructions said wishlists are helpful!) but for reference, here are my various wishlists. These are wishlists from all over my interests (so there are some pricey items). I certainly am not suggesting any of these items are purchased, but rather I hope they give an idea of what i'm interested in, like, etc.

Etsy: https://www.etsy.com/people/WunderWolfDesigns/favorites

General Wishlist (simliar to Amazon): http://www.wishlistr.com/agirlnamedwinter/

Steam: http://steamcommunity.com/id/honoralexandria/wishlist

[I like to organize my Amazon lists so there's a few]

Amazon (general) https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2PI7NLX2GC5ZT

Amazon (crafting stuff) https://www.amazon.com/qp/registry/wishlist/3024CQYA3WF37

Amazon (fiction) https://www.amazon.com/qp/registry/wishlist/XLIWKO1C39KY

Amazon (games) https://www.amazon.com/qp/registry/wishlist/3OMGJQR32MBXB

Amazon (non-fiction) https://www.amazon.com/qp/registry/wishlist/3AYUYHBS1987P

Amazon (Non-Amazon items)

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2FWFP7QBUMI76

Amazon (Writing) https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/181NPXFMN8RN

Think Geek!: https://www.thinkgeek.com/brain/account/wishes.cgi?a=d&wid=81d582188

Pinterest: https://www.pinterest.com/girlnamedwinter/

Extra Questions!

Answers to questions asked on the SW Halloween Forum:

Hibiscus seeds?

No thank you. We have a hibiscus plant that has utterly taken over the backyard. It's a bit much on it's own.

Off-color needlepoint?

Yes please. I have a pretty wicked sense of humor. *waggles eyebrows*

What interests you from the latest (pre-Halloween) update?

More than I expected! I'm very interested in all of the current Lunacy offerings: Leda, Coconut Meat SN, Starstruck: Libra

From the Lilith/Motherhood update:Scents I'm curious about and want to try (decants would be excellent):

"A Little More Tea"

"Baby's First Krampuslauf"

"Connecting Flight"

"Good Morning London"

"Heavenly Spark"

"Little Lady Frankenstein"

"O The Joy of My Spirit!"

"Stonehenge at Dusk"

"Texare"

Scents I'm pretty sure I want/would buy: Reapers Gonna Reap Spider Witch The Great Python Snake

From the Trading Post:

I'd love to try:

Lilith's hair gloss
Tag Upon Avon

The Great London Spaghetti Hunt

and i'm pretty sure I "need" The Serpentine

Like beer? What kind? Booze?

I used to love a good dark Stout, but unfortunately being gluten free that's not really an option. I've not yet found a gluten free beer I really like, because they tend to be very light. But I am open to gluten free craft beers! Just be careful that they aren't "gluten removed" beers. Those aren't really gluten free and will make me sick. :(

I'm a fan of most regular Boozes. Most liquor is gluten free, but if there's added colors or flavors you may want to check. This is a really handy list/guide that's up to date: http://urbantastebud.com/gluten-free-alcohol-list/

If it's something homemade like everclear with added herbs or flowers, it should be fine as long as barely, malt, and wheat aren't included. :)

Malt beverages (like wine coolers) are NOT gluten free and no good.

My preferred liquor is Gin. I used to hate it, so now I love it, but I'm a bit of a snob. Hendricks is my absolutely favorite. I also love flavored liquors. I tend to prefer fruity or floral but not sweet, drinks.

What kind of things do you like to wear:

For work I tend to be jeans and shirts for comfort, ease and time. In general I prefer skirts, and alternate between flowy and elegant and "industrial" and sharp looks. I'm a big fan of most items on the pyramid collection site. You can also get a good idea of what I like in my pinterest boards. Black and shades of grey (Esepcially blue/grey) are my preferred colors along with deep jewel tones and shades of blue and green.

Knitted items? Type?

I love the idea of knitted stuff, but being in Florida there's not much opportunity to wear them. Loose knit and knitted "lace" would be best. I do have a thing for fingerless gloves as most indoor venues (including my office) are kept freezing cold to combat the heat. I tend to prefer jewel tones and/or earthy colors (muted, sea-blues and greens and grays).

Caramel?

Love it. Salted. With Chocolate. With Marshmallow. With fancy flavorings. It's just gotta be gluten free (it usually is).

Would you be interested in home made food items? Yes, as long as they are gluten free/made in relatively gluten free area. (I know regular kitchens can't be totally gluten free, but as long as it's not near bread or flour or anything)

YES!!! To all of the below, especially rose petal liquor.

Baked goods are pretty much out, unless your kitchen is completely gluten free. :(

- garlic dill pickles
- blackberry jam
- dried honey crisp apples
- applesauce (with or without red hots)
- elderberry syrup (with honey and apple cider vinegar great for immune boosting)
- honey from our bees
- rose petal liquor (made with our own rose petals and everclear but diluted down a bit so it doesn't knock you over)
- baked goods of your choice, what do you like or dislike?

Would you be interested in project bags/pouches? It depends on the size and shape. Drawstring pouch bags maybe not, but something like a side bag, messenger bag, purse, yes!

Are you allergic to any fiber or do you know what kind of yarn you prefer? No allergies here! I've not had enough experience with yarns to have a preference, except all of my experience with acylic is that it's been really itchy. Uhave no issue with animal fibers.

Would you want a quilted pot holder?

Actually I need pot holders, of different sizes, so yes!

Do you have any prefered flavour of shortbread?

I have a fondness for shortbread of any flavor. Earl Grey and Lemon are favorites, but again, it's gotta be gluten free, and made in a gluten free kitchen.

Is there anything you'd particularly like to get from the UK?

Socks/sockdreams/etc?

Yes! I've been wanting more funky socks, and some more knee highs but I'm not sure exactly what I want. Stripes are always good. I'm also on the look out/in need of "sock tape" or something that will keep knee highs and high socks from slouching. I haven't looked at the sockdreams site in years though so I don't know what I want anymore.

Is there anything you would like to get from Japan?

I'm not sure. I really miss Japan (I visited in 2007) but now that I'm gluten free I can't really partake in the food goodies. I like anime but there's nothing immediate that comes to mind that I'd want.

Do you like things with Pumpkin (or Pumpkin Spice?)

Yes!!

Do you decorate for Halloween all year? If not, what level of decor do you have for Halloween?

ALL YEAR

Indoor/outdoor Halloween decorations? What do you do, and what would you prefer to receive?

Indoor only for me, we don't have much space for outdoor decor (and I have enough outdoor decor sitting in storage)

What's your preferred Halloween decor style: classic/traditional (skulls, pumpkins, bats), kitchsy/cute, retro, elegant/Victorian, horror/macabre?

classic (skulls and bats) and elegant

What's your candy preference?

I prefer dark chocolate to milk, and I love flavored chocolates. Outside of that I have a fondness for gummies, and marshmallows.

Speaking of snarky, who's a fan of The Mincing Mockingbird?

I am not familiar with this at all

Candles, wax melts/tarts?

I love candles and scented melts. I was obsessed with scented candles before I found BPAL. However, I tend to prefer wax melts/tarts because i find the scent lasts longer and is more prominent throughout the house/room. With burners/warmers, i don't have to worry about the open flame catching catch tails on fire (burners/warmers that use tea lights/flame are fine, since the flame is covered by the wax holder).

That being said; most of of warmers and burners are now buried in a box in the bottom of my storage unit. I lust after the Yankee candle halloween offerings every year.

Etsy:

My etsy shop and wishlist are in my original questionaire, and in my "wishlist quick reference" link in my signature.

Tokyo Milk? Yea or Nay?

I LOVE Tokyo Milk scents. But for one reason or another, I never buy them for myself. I can't think of any one scent in particular so anything from them would be lovely I think.

if you're a writer type, would you like notebooks or journals? Utilitarian or fancy? Lined or blank? Tell me of your stationery lustings.

Any all. No really. I LOVE notebooks and journals. I no longer buy them for myself because I haven't used the ones I currently own, but i won't ever say no to new journals. I am always lusting after them. I don't have a preference for utilitarian or fancy because both have a "place" for me. I love gorgeous, fancy 'books, but feel like i have to reserve them for "Special" content that is worthy of them. Pretty and fancy ones are the ones I used to buy. So I need more "plain" and utilitarian books for everyday scribbles and writings. I really love a lot of the dual use notebooks popping up on kick starter, as well as the notebooks with magnetic pages.

If you want yarn, what colors do you want?

I'm very torn on this. I barely learned how to knit last year, and have not really done much since. But I enjoyed doing it and would eventually like to do more. I already have a bunch of yarn i'm not currently using but I love discovering new brands, new yarn types and color combinations. So maybe if you find something that you think I would absolutely love, or even yarn with a pattern.

To answer the color question, jewel tones, black, greys, and blue/green tones. I do really love yarn that is multiple colors or "ombre".

A color palette would be lovely if you use Pinterest.

Here: https://www.pinteres...color-palettes/

Authors - Jennifer Estep, Faith Hunter. Heard of them? Love them, hate them, or eh? I am not familiar with them at all. A quick google search shows that I may be interested in their work though.

Are you interested in fabric? Again, what colors, what themes, etc.

Similar to the yarn answer. I have many, many ambitions to make things, but little time and energy. However, I am a sucker for halloween fabric, especially "Elegant halloween" (damask patterns, etc).

If you could receive one handmade item - everything from knitted or crocheted gloves and scarves to sewn bags to fanart or original art, what would you prefer?

I don't think I have a preference. I'd love to receive handmade items...I think that's one of the aspects about this I'm looking forward to the most. Art, gloves (fingerless are best), bags, any of it would be wonderful.

What are your tea and/or coffee preferences? Loose leaf / whole bean or bagged / ground? Do you have a favorite type? Flavor? Retailer?

COFFEE. Coffee, coffee! I do like tea quite a bit as well,but coffee is a comfort drink for me. I've been trying to cut down on my caffeine intake, but it's hard to find good decaf, so a high quality dark roast decaf would be nice.

My coffee preferences run toward dark, bold blends. Cold brew is my default during the summer, and pour over or french press is my favorite for hot in autumn/winter. i do also have a Starbucks Verismo machine. A medium/coarse grind works best with those methods.

For tea, decaf blacks would be good. I do like most tea, but I am partial to blacks, earl grey varieties, and anything with a creamy note.

What are your favorite fandoms, if any? SO MANY. This is really hard for me to answer, especially since i go through phases. maybe ask me about a specific fandom either through a nacho witch, or email my s.o.

Skincare- do you use a particular routine? What products would you absolutely not use? i have problematic skin (sensitive in general, and i have hormonal/inflammatory cystic acne) so I have a regime down pat, but it's long and complicated. It would be best not to get me any facial skin care products as what i have now works best, and I have to be careful with gluten which can hide in many different forms when it comes to face products. So best to avoid this.

BPTP products? Pre-owned okay? I have enough bath oils for now I think. I've recently discovered hair gloss, but my hair is so thin, a little goes a long way so I don't need a whole bottle. I am interested in their atmosphere sprays, and the soaps (if they ever get back). There's also several clothing and accessory items I'm interested in. Except for the soap and clothing, pre-owned is ok for me

Essential oils and aromatherapy oils- yay, or nay? These tend to be too strong and headache inducing for me so I think nay.

Favorite animal? Wolf.

Twilight Alchemy Lab oils? I've long had an interest, but never enough to make the plunge. I'm an atheist, although i had pagan/wiccan leanings when I was younger. I really like the idea of using oils as part of a ritual and intention. So, I'm interested but not enough for a whole bottle of anything. Decants of the oils used for removing blocks, increasing prosperity and opportunities, and anything to help with creative ventures would be good.

Hair Falls?

Another slightly complicated answer for me. (Sorry witch!). I LOVE falls. Always have. I long envied girls in the local goth scene that had them. But I have very thin hair, and there's just not much for the falls to hold on to. The most I was able to do in the past were yarn falls, which were cute, but i prefer the cyber look. Currently my hair is slightly thicker (but still thin) and short, so there's really nothing to hold onto. I'm still growing my hair out though, so if you have a way to make falls that will hold onto thin hair, I'd love something! Black/red, black/white, black/green and black/purple are my favored color combinations for this.

Elements & Artifacts has a fall/halloween collection up? Anything catch your eye? Surprisingly, not at the moment. Much of what I'm seeing is earrings which I don't wear.

And speaking of shops from BPAL folks, any favorites in the stores on the SW Stalking and Services Spreadsheet?

HollysRainbow (Greenwoodtree) mentions gluten free baked goods. Nothing is listed, but i'm always interested in GF baked goods. [⊕]

Haus of Gloi update is live; is there anything you're interested in?

I like their bar soaps, and would love to try the soft bubbling scrub and pumpkin butter. Their oils are very hit and miss on me, so decants/sample vials would be best. The whipped soaps seem to be very drying on me skin.

The scents I'm interested in are: Hex, Samhain II, Persephone's Decent, Spider Silk, The Horseman, Cozy Pumpkin

Coloring Books? I already have 3 I barely use, although I am lusting after the Disney Villains and Poe coloring books.

Would you be interested in Kings Game by Lisa Millraney

Possibly. I can't seem to find it in a Google search (??). If it's within the scope of my preferred reading (in my original questionnaire) then sure!

Do you celebrate Mabon? Would you like "witchy" or pagan decorations and objects? For example, pentacle wall hangings, mabon poppets, corn dollies, ritual candles, etc? I do not celebrate the holiday. I'm Atheist, although I had pagan leanings when I was younger. I appreciate many of their holidays and symbolism. There are some items I might display but I can be rather particular about that though (it has to hold particular meaning or significance to me), so probably best to avoid these for me.

Anyone hankering for Craftsy classes?

Not currently.

Would you be interested in any of the following: jigsaw puzzles; puzzle books (like word searches or crossword puzzles or suduko); coloring books; card games; board games? I love puzzles. I don't have many jigsaw puzzles, although I don't have much space to do them. I have some puzzle books already, so while i wouldn't say no to one, I have several I've yet to get through. Same thing with coloring books.

Card games and board games are my main "jam", as I can play them with others. My Amazon wishlist has several games I'm currently interested in, but I'm open to new suggestions.

Would you like any brown paper bags of "seconds" from Seattle Chocolates? It looks like they have gluten free items, so anything in that section would be fine.

Anything from http://www.beefolks.com suit your fancy in particular (honey or otherwise since they have other products?)

All of the honeys sound amazing, so any of those would be fine. The mead kits look interesting, as does the honey dust and sticks.

Any other renn Faire goodies in general? Here are the artisans there: http://www.rennfest....mation/artisan

Nothing in particular (it's a bit much to go through right now)

Weenies I'm interested in:

Decants:

Pumpkin Latte; Witch Dance 2016; Dead Leaves and Blackberries; Dead Leaves, Blackcurrant and Tobacco Tar; Dead Leaves, Honeyed Patchouli, Champaca Blossom; Dead Leaves, Raw Leather, Bourbon Vanilla and Clove; Graveyard Dirt; Tomb Moss; Specimen Jar; Apple VII; Apple X; Now That They Rise and Walk...; The Dead Can Hear...; The Dead Lips That Thirst...; Speak!Speak!; The Drowned Man's Ghost; The Ghosts High Noon; The Haunted Beach; Water Ghost

Bottle?:

Her strong enchantments failing; September Midnight; Die Nacht;

Additional questions:

For your question about handmade crafts and local festivals: it's difficult for me to say without seeing or knowing what will be there. But, I do love hand crafted items. I appreciate the unique nature of things that are created and crafted with love and intention. While i can't think of anything in particular (Wait...maybe something), if you see something that matches my interests or colors that is handmade I'm sure I'll love it. If I'm honest. I'd love the idea of a handmade ceramic coffee mug, but my significant

other says I'm not allowed to have more mugs unless i get rid of one. (But it's not like he's going to notice a new one. HAH!). I love many of my mugs, but I don't have many that are wide or very big. I also have a current obsession with mug cakes (gluten free of course) and there are only two mugs in the house that are wide enough to make them in. So, do what you will with that information. :) I also looooveee the idea of hoods and capes, but in Florida, there's not much opportunity to wear them. :(

One thing I have been thinking that I would like more of lately is form fitting, long tees. Being in Florida, tshirts are the best for our hot weather(and I am allowed to wear them at work). BUt it's really hard to find tshirts that look nice. I've been really wanting more long, tissue style tees that are fitted for women and in pretty colors. Nothing bright, but muted shades of blues, greens, purples. And of course, grey/black. That will probably be difficult to find and I don't want you to go out of your way. I just bring it up in case you see something.

To address NanoWrimo: Yes!

Heheh. That is, i'm going to try to do it this year! The last time I tried Nano was in 2014, but my beloved German Shepherd passed away on Nov 14th. And then last year i had cancer. >.<

I was successful in 2013 though! Although I made it to 50k words, the story/novel wasn't finished! (About 1/3 of it got cut anyway). So this year I want to do a modified Nano, where I don't start something new, but aim to finish the story from 2013. There's no set word count for me, although reaching 50k again would be nice.

I love the Nano theme this year too.



Do you have any other questions you'd like to ask or information you'd like to have? Type below and it will appear as an anonymous comment! :)