

Brioche Knitting Swatch



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Materials 2 colors of any yarn, color A and color B
Needles Any circular or double pointed needles

Notes

These instructions will help you understand how the Brioche stitch is worked. Make sure to read the abbreviations carefully before starting.

Abbreviations

KB: Knit Brioche, by knitting a stitch along with its yo which was wrapped over it in the previous row.

PB: Purl Brioche, by purling a stitch along with its yo which was wrapped over it in the previous row.

SO: Slip a stitch purlwise with yarn in front, wrapping a yo over the stitch at the same time (make sure you wrap the yarn from front to back over the needle)

Slide: Slide the stitches to the opposite side of the needle to work the next color

Turn: Turn the work to start knitting on the other side

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YO: Yarn over needle to add an extra stitch. Make sure that you wrap the yarn from front to back over the needle.

Instructions

Cast on 25 sts with A and knit 1 row.

Setup

Row 1: Attach B. With B, k5, (SO, p1) x 7 times, SO, k5—25 sts SLIDE

Swatch Body:

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Row 1: With A, k5, (KB, SO) to last 6 sts, KB, k5. Turn

Row 2: With B, k5, (SO, KB) to last 6 sts, SO, k5, Slide

Row 3: With A, k5, (PB, SO) to last 6 sts, PB, k5, Turn

Row 4: With B, k5 (SO, PB) to last 6 sts, SO, k5, Slide

Follow Rows 1-4 of Brioche Pattern until swatch is at desired length and you have mastered the pattern.

Some tips to help you master the pattern once you have got going on this. And so you don't have to look at the pattern any more:

1. Check and see what color you used in the last k5 sts from the last row. You will start the next row with the OPPOSITE color. Sometimes you will need to slide the stitches to the other side of the needle to get to it, and other times you will turn.
2. Check the stitches as they face you.
 - a. If you come across a stitch that was SO (slip yarnover) from the previous row (it has 2 loops, a stitch and its wrap), you will always need to knit or purl it. Which one? If you are working with the

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color of the established knit rib on that side, you will KB, and if you are working with the opposite color of the established knit rib on that side you will PB

- b. If you come across a stitch that was KB or PB on the previous row (it has just 1 loop), you will always SO that stitch.
3. How does this work? Are you on the A rib side or the B rib side?
- a. A ribs on side 1: you will notice that when the rib is in A, you will always be working PB (purl brioche) with the B color and working SO (slip with YO) on the A ribs with the B color to maintain them. Conversely, you will always be working SO with the A color and working KB (knit brioche) on the A ribs with the A color to maintain the A ribs.
 - b. B color ribs on side 2: On the other side when the rib is in B, you will always be working PB (purl brioche) with the A color and working SO (slip with YO) on the B ribs with the A color to maintain them. Conversely you will always be working SO with the B color and working KB (knit brioche) with the B color to maintain the B ribs.

Finishing:

Cut B.

Row 1: With A, k5, (kB, K1) to last 6 sts, KB, k5.

Row 2: With A, k across.

Bind off all sts loosely with A as follows: K2, transfer both sts to left needle, ssk, k1, transfer st to left needle, ssk.

Repeat from * across until all stitches have been bound off. Cut yarn.

Troubleshooting:

- If your ribs are not defined, and there is 1 color crossing over the other, please try the pattern again checking carefully after you have completed each row.

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- Make sure your SO (slip and yarnover) yarnovers are worked from front to back.
- If when you try to KB (knit brioche) or PB (purl brioche) you find just 1 loop instead of 2 on the needle, that is an indication that the previous row's yo loop has dropped and you must pick it up in order to properly KB or PB. You can fix that mistake right when you get to it, instead of undoing the whole row. Just lift the loop that has fallen and knit or purl it with the accompanying stitch.

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