



Introduction to Brioché

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These instructions accompany the online course which is available at <https://leelamaryknits.com/learn-brioche/>

Materials:

- Approx. 15m (16yds) in each of two contrasting colours of any weight yarn, MC and CC.
- Circular needles to match your yarn (4mm/US 6 for fingering or DK weight, 5.5mm/US 9 for bulky weight).
- Locking stitch marker or cable needle.

Notes:

- The MC is the dominant colour on the front of the swatch, while the leaf motif shows the CC.
- Slip edge stitches purlwise with yarn to either the RS or WS of work, as directed. Do not twist yarns when changing colour. Be careful not to pull the edge stitches too tight.
- In the two colour sections, each row is worked twice. First it is worked with the CC, then the work is slid back to the other end of the circular needle and worked with the MC.
- Increases and decreases are marked in bold and are worked on the RS rows only. There are no increases or decreases worked on the WS rows.
- In the charts, increases and decreases are marked in red.
- Instructions for working the charts start on page 4.
- Abbreviations and instructions for the stitches are given on page 5.



Instructions:

Single colour section:

With MC, cast on 19 stitches.

Set up row WS: slwyib, (k, sl1yo) x 8, k, sl1wyif. Turn.

Row 1 RS: k, (sl1yo, brk) x 8, sl1yo, k. Turn.

Row 2 WS: slwyif, (brk, sl1yo) x 8, brk, sl1wyif. Turn.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until you have the hang of the basic stitches.

Row 3 RS: Repeat Row 1 RS.

Two colour section:

Row 4 WS CC: sl1wyib, (brk, sl1yo) x 8, brk, sl1wyib. Slide.

MC: sl1wyif, (sl1yo, brp) x 8, sl1yo, p1. Turn.

Row 5 RS CC: sl1wyif, (brp, sl1yo) x 8, brp, sl1wyif. Slide.

MC: sl1wyib, (sl1yo, brk) x 8, sl1yo, k1. Turn.

Repeat Rows 4 and 5 until you have the hang of the basic stitches.

Row 6 WS: Repeat Row 4 WS.

Row 7 RS CC: sl1wyif, (brp, sl1yo) x 4, brk, (sl1yo, brp) x 4, sl1wyif. Slide.

MC: Repeat Row 5 MC.

Row 8 WS CC: sl1wyib, (brk, sl1yo) x 4, brp, (sl1yo, brk) x 4, sl1wyib. Slide.

MC: Repeat Row 4 MC.

Row 9 RS CC: sl1wyif, (brp, sl1yo) x 4, **br4st inc**, (sl1yo, brp) x 4, sl1wyif. Slide. (23 sts)

MC: sl1wyib, (sl1yo, brk) x 4, (sl1yo, p1) x 2, (sl1yo, brk) x 4, sl1yo, k1. Turn.

Row 10 WS CC: sl1wyib, (brk, sl1yo) x 4, (brp, sl1yo) x 2, brp, (sl1yo, brk) x 4, sl1wyib. Slide.

MC: sl1wyif, (sl1yo, brp) x 4, (sl1yo, brk) x 2, (sl1yo, brp) x 4, sl1yo, p1. Turn.

Row 11 RS CC: sl1wyif, (brp, sl1yo) x 4, (brk, sl1yo) x 2, brk, (sl1yo, brp) x 4, sl1wyif. Slide.

MC: sl1wyib, (sl1yo, brk) x 2, sl1yo, **brRsl dec**, (sl1yo, brp) x 2, sl1yo, **brLsl dec**, (sl1yo, brk) x 2, sl1yo, k1. Turn. (19 sts)

Row 12 WS CC: sl1wyib, (brk, sl1yo) x 3, (brp, sl1yo) x 3, (brk, sl1yo) x 2, brk, sl1wyib. Slide.

MC: sl1wyif, (sl1yo, brp) x 3, (sl1yo, brk) x 2, (sl1yo, brp) x 3, sl1yo, p1. Turn.

Row 13 RS CC: sl1wyif, (brp, sl1yo) x 3, brk, sl1yo, **br4st inc**, sl1yo, brk, (sl1yo, brp) x 3, sl1wyif. Slide. (23 sts)

MC: sl1wyib, (sl1yo, brk) x 3, sl1yo, brp, (sl1yo, p1) x 2, sl1yo, brp, (sl1yo, brk) x 3, sl1yo, k1. Turn.

Row 14 WS CC: sl1wyib, (brk, sl1yo) x 2, brk, (sl1yo, brp) x 5, (sl1yo, brk) x 3, sl1wyib. Slide.

MC: sl1wyif, (sl1yo, brp) x 3, (sl1yo, brk) x 4, (sl1yo, brp) x 3, sl1yo, p1. Turn.

Row 15 RS CC: sl1wyif, (brp, sl1yo) x 2, brp, (sl1yo, brk) x 5, (sl1yo, brp) x 3, sl1wyif. Slide.

MC: sl1wyib, sl1yo, brk, sl1yo, **brRsl dec**, (sl1yo, brp) x 4, sl1yo, **brLsl dec**, sl1yo, brk, sl1yo, k1. Turn. (19 sts)

Row 16 WS CC: sl1wyib, brk, sl1yo, brk, (sl1yo, brp) x 5, (sl1yo, brk) x 2, sl1wyib. Slide.

MC: sl1wyif, (sl1yo, brp) x 2, (sl1yo, brk) x 4, (sl1yo, brp) x 2, sl1yo, p1. Turn.

Row 17 RS CC: sl1wyif, (brp, sl1yo) x 2, **brLsl dec**, sl1yo, **br4st inc**, sl1yo, **brRsl dec**, (sl1yo, brp) x 2, sl1wyif. Slide.

MC: sl1wyib, (sl1yo, brk) x 2, sl1yo, brp, (sl1yo, p1) x 2, sl1yo, brp, (sl1yo, brk) x 2, sl1yo, k1. Turn.

Row 18 WS: Repeat Row 16.

Row 19 RS CC: sl1wyif, brp, sl1yo, brp, (sl1yo, brk) x 5, (sl1yo, brp) x 2, sl1wyif. Slide.

MC: sl1wyib, sl1yo, brk, sl1yo, **brkyobrk**, (sl1yo, brp) x 4, sl1yo, **brkyobrk**, sl1yo, brk, sl1yo, k1. Turn. (23 sts)

Row 20 WS CC: sl1wyib, (brk, sl1yo) x 2, k1, (sl1yo, brp) x 5, sl1yo, k1, (sl1yo, brk) x 2, sl1wyib. Slide.

MC: Repeat Row 14 MC.

Row 21 RS CC: sl1wyif, (brp, sl1yo) x 3, **brLsl dec**, sl1yo, brk, sl1yo, **brRsl dec**, (sl1yo, brp) x 3, sl1wyif. Slide. (19 sts)

MC: sl1wyib, (sl1yo, brk) x 3, (sl1yo, brp) x 2, (sl1yo, brk) x 3, sl1yo, k1. Turn.

Row 22 WS: Repeat Row 12.

Row 23 RS CC: sl1wyif, (brp, sl1yo) x 3, (brk, sl1yo) x 3, (brp, sl1yo) x 2, brp, sl1wyif. Slide.

MC: sl1wyib, (sl1yo, brk) x 2, sl1yo, **brkyobrk**, (sl1yo, brp) x 2, sl1yo, **brkyobrk**, (sl1yo, brk) x 2, sl1yo, k1. Turn. (23 sts)

Row 24 WS CC: sl1wyib, (brk, sl1yo) x 3, k1, (sl1yo, brp) x 3, sl1yo, k1, (sl1yo, brk) x 3, sl1wyib. Slide.

MC: Repeat Row 10 MC.

Row 25 RS CC: sl1wyif, (brp, sl1yo) x 4, **br4st dec**, (sl1yo, brp) x 4, sl1wyif. Slide. (19 sts)

MC: Repeat Row 5 MC.

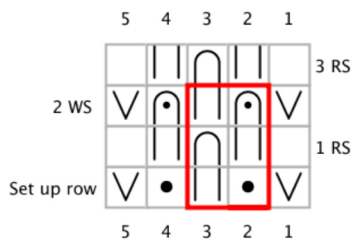
Repeat Rows 4 and 5 a few more times. Bind off in MC using a stretchy method. Break both yarns and weave in ends. Block swatch.

With MC, cast on 19 sts. Work Chart A in MC, repeating Rows 1 & 2 until you have the hang of the basic stitches.

Then work Chart B in CC and MC. After the end of the chart you may repeat Rows 4 & 5 again.

Bind off in MC using a stretchy method. Break both yarns and weave in ends. Block swatch.

Chart A



Key

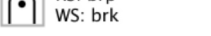
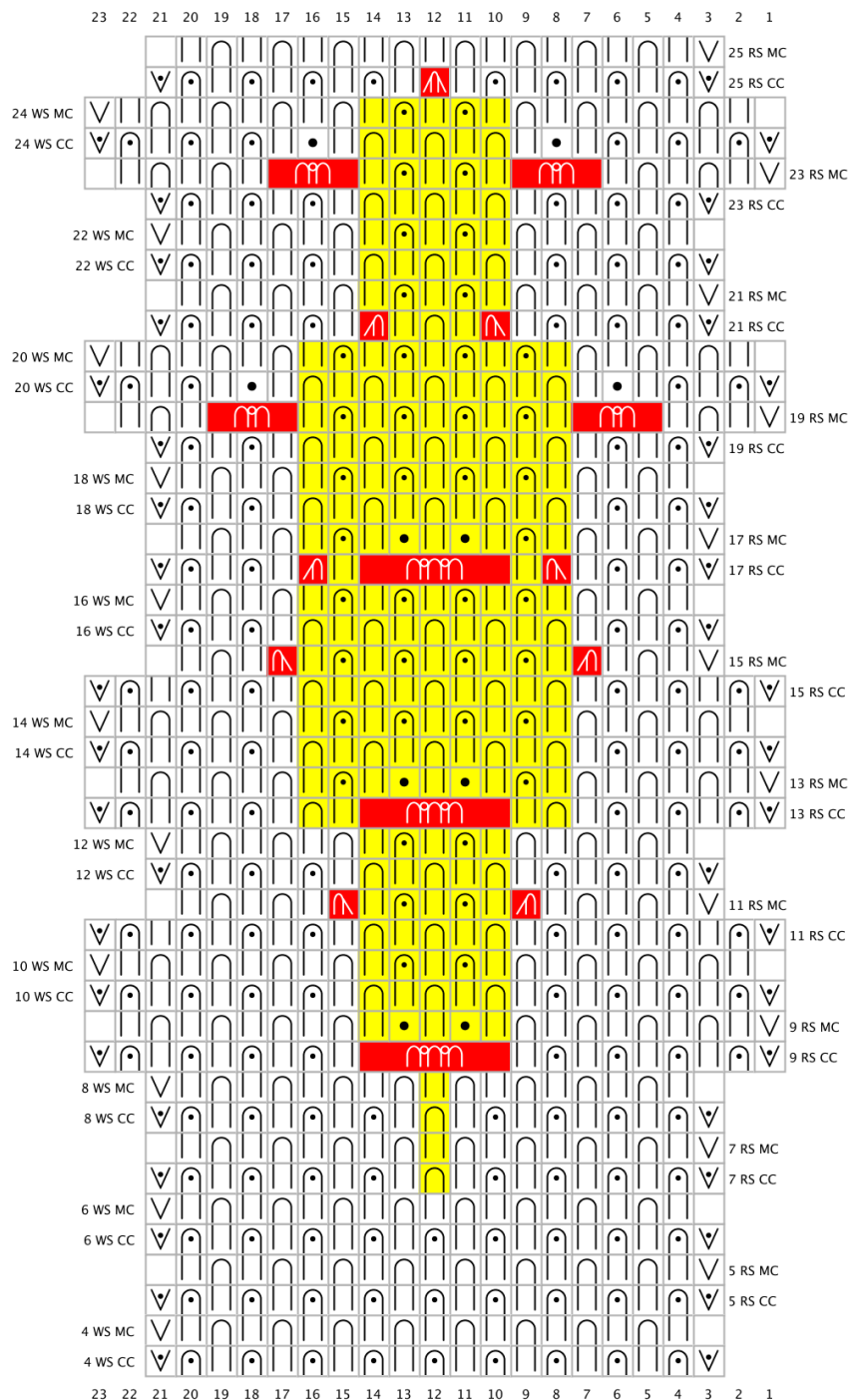
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|---|---|
|  | RS: knit
WS: purl |
|  | RS: slip purlwise with yarn in front
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|  | RS: purl
WS: knit |
|  | sl1yo |
|  | RS: brk
WS: brp |
|  | RS: brp
WS: brk |
|  | br4st inc |
|  | brkyobrk |
|  | brRsl dec |
|  | brLsl dec |
|  | br4st dec |
|  | syncopated section |
|  | increases and decreases |
|  | work x 8 |

Chart B



Abbreviations:

MC – main colour

CC – contrast colour

RS – right side of work

WS – wrong side of work

sts – stitches

k – knit

p – purl

yo – yarn over

sl1wyif – slip one stitch purlwise with yarn held in front of work

sl1wyib – slip one stitch purlwise with yarn held at back of work

() – repeat stitches in brackets as instructed

brk – brioche knit (knit the stitch and its yarn over as if they are one stitch)

brp – brioche purl (purl the stitch and its yarn over as if they are one stitch)

sl1yo – bring yarn to front, slip one stitch purlwise, bring yarn to the back over the top of the slipped stitch

Increases:

brkyobrk – [brk, yarn over, brk] all into one stitch (2 stitch increase)

br4st inc – [brk, yo, brk, yo, brk] all into one stitch (4 stitch increase)

Decreases:

brRsl dec – right slanting 2 stitch decrease, involves working 3 stitches as follows:

- Slip 1 stitch (along with its yarn over) knitwise.
- Slip the next stitch knitwise.
- Knit the two just slipped stitches together through the back loop.
- Move working stitch from right needle to left needle.
- Pass the following stitch (along with its yarn over) over.
- Move working stitch from left needle to right needle. Tighten if required.

brLsl dec – left slanting 2 stitch decrease, involves working 3 stitches as follows:

- Slip 1 stitch (along with its yarn over) knitwise.
- brk the next two stitches (including the yarn over on the second) together.
- Pass the slipped stitch (along with its yarn over) over the stitch just worked.

br4st dec – central 4 stitch decrease, involves working 5 stitches as follows:

- Slip 2 stitches separately knitwise (including the yarn over on the first stitch).
- Place next stitch (along with its yarn over) on a cable needle or locking stitch marker to the front of the work.
- Knit the next stitch.
- Pass the second slipped stitch over the stitch on the right needle.
- Move stitch from right needle to left needle.
- Pass following stitch (along with its yarn over) over.
- Move stitch from left needle to right needle.
- Pass first slipped stitch (along with its yarn over) over.
- Move stitch from cable needle to left needle.
- Move stitch from right needle to left needle.
- Pass stitch from cable needle (along with its yarn over) over.
- Move finished stitch to right needle.
- Tighten stitch if necessary.





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