

Brioche Basic Beanie

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Brioche for beginners! I thought we might benefit from a really basic Brioche beanie pattern with lots of Brioche, and a quick crown. The beanie is designed to be very tall, creating a deep fold-up brim to highlight the reversible brilliance of Brioche. Although the pattern is titled basic, this may be considered an intermediate level pattern because knowledge of stitch construction, and research about Brioche is helpful.

Finished size:

Adult: flat 18", stretches to 24" circumference; height 10"

Child: flat 16", stretches to 22" circumference; height 8"

Infant: flat 14", stretches to 20" circumference; height 6"

Abbreviations: CO=cast on CC= contrasting color MC= main color k = knit p= purl
k2tog=knit 2 stitches together Rnd/s=round/s sl= slip all stitches purlwise st/s=stitch/es
BrK= brioche knit BrP= brioche purl BrK2tog= brioche knit 2stitches together
sl,yof=slip one stitch, yarn over&forward yf, slyo=yarn forward, slip one stitch&yarn over needle

Special Stitches:

BrK = brioche knit, "bark"= Knit the MCslipped stitch together with its CCyarn over.

BrP = brioche purl, "burp"= Purl the CCslipped stitch together with its MCyarn over.

BrK2tog = brioche knit 2 stitches together = MCslipped stitch and CCyarn over are considered one stitch, together with the CCpurl (*you'll have 3 loops*), knit those "2" stitches together.

yf, slyo = Bring the MCworking yarn under the needle to the front of the work, slip the CCstitch purlwise. Then bring the MCyarn over the needle(*and over the CCslipped stitch*)to the back, ready to work the BrK. This "yf,slyo" is considered one stitch.

sl, yof = slip one stitch, yarn over&forward = With the CCyarn already in front, slip the MCstitch purlwise, then bring the CCyarn over the needle(*and over the MCslipped stitch*), and under the needle to the front, ready to work the BrP. This "sl, yof" is considered one stitch.

Gauge:

Brioche (rib) Stitch: 16 stitches = 4"

Materials: Yarn: superwash wool in 2 colors
MC = Main Color for the front of work, and the knit stitches

CC = Contrasting Color for the back of work, and the purl stitches. (*I used purple for purl!!*)

Adult: 200 yards /3.5oz;

MC 100 yards and CC 100 yards

Child: 180 yards /3.25oz;

MC 90 yards and CC 90 yards

Infant: 160 yards /3 oz;

MC 80 yards and CC 80 yards

Photo: size Adult: MC: Worsted Merino Superwash

Solids by Plymouth Yarn; 100% Merino wool;

218 yards/ 100grams; color #7 soft gray CC:

Painted Sky by Knitting Fever; 100% Superwash

Wool; 218 yards/ 3.52oz; color #205 Wine Violet

(*this project used 210 yards/104grams of yarn*)

Needles:

Size US #8, 16" circular needles (*one size larger than yarn label recommendation for CO*)

Size US #5, 16" circular needles, (*two sizes smaller than yarn label recommendation for beanie*)

and Size US#5 set of double pointed needles

Notions: Stitch markers, needle caps, tapestry needle

(*I used a very small "end of round" marker; to avoid a tangle in the first BrK. When I set down my work, I used green needle caps if working a knit round, and purple caps for a purl round.*)

Resources/ Research:

(I found “2- Color Brioché Knitting on Circular Needles”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgRgfCgQTPA>; to be very helpful. If you knit continental, watch Brioché Stitch with Nancy Wynn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TjJelUaxog>.)

Knitting Brioché, by Nancy Marchant is an excellent resource for inspiration and getting started.

Knitting Without Tears, by Elizabeth Zimmerman, p95-97, **A Watchcap** is knit in the flat, but offers a quick look into Brioché.

Directions: Directions are written for size adult [child, infant are in brackets] *(Notes are in italic)*

With MC, size US#8 needles, use the long-tail cast-on method, loosely cast on 72 [64, 56] stitches.

Place marker & join together by knitting first stitch being careful not to twist.

Continue with MC, size US#5 needles, knit one round.

Set up round:

With size US#5 needles, leave MC in back, introduce/pull CC to front, * sl, yof, p1; repeat to end.

(With CC yarn toward the front, slip MC stitch, bring CC yarn over needle and to the front, purl 1 stitch)

Hat: *(Work hat with size US#5 needles)*

Rnd 1: with MC, * BrK, yf, slyo; repeat to end

(MC BrK, MC yarn forward, slip CC stitch and bring MC yarn over top needle, ready to BrK again.)

(The very last stitch of the round: MC yarn forward, slip CC stitch, and the MC will just flop)

Rnd 2: with CC in front, * Sl, yof, BrP; repeat to end

(with CC yarn in front, slip MC stitch, bring CC yarn over needle and to the front, CC BrP)

(The very last stitch of the round: be sure to hold-up the floppy MC stitch to work the BrP. Then tuck the MC yarn under the needle tips, ready to slip the marker, and BrK the first stitch of the next round.)

Complete **Hat** rounds 1- 2 until hat reaches desired height, 11” [9”, 7”] ending on rnd 2.

*(Work **hat** with Brioché rounds 1 & 2 for 11” [9”, 7”] ending on rnd 2.*

For a shorter “cap”, work fewer rounds of Brioché before starting the crown. This pattern has a quick crown decrease, adding no height to the finished hat.)

Crown Decreases as follows: *(Work stitches on double pointed needles when needed.)*

Rnd 1: with MC, BrK 1, *BrK2tog; repeat from * to end, k1 *(the last purl stitch)*

(MC BrK just once, then repeat BrK2tog = brioché knit 2 stitches together = MC slipped stitch and CC yarn over are considered one stitch, together with the CC purl (you'll have 3 loops), knit those “2” stitches together. Repeat to the end, but you'll find one remaining purl, knit that stitch.)

Rnd 2: Remove marker; with MC, *K2tog; repeat from * until 10sts remain.

Finishing: Cut 12” yarn and thread end through remaining 10 stitches.

Pull together, and tie off neatly for a very reversible hat. Weave in ends.

This pattern is available on Ravelry.com

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