FREE KNITTING TUTORIAL

Brioche Knitting

How to knit the brioche stitch (sl1yo, brk1), plus a squishy scarf in 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	YARN
Advanced beginner	**Brioche scarf, 2 sizes**	**Worsted (#4) wool**
NEEDLES	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
US 9 (5.5 mm)	**k, sl1yo, brk1**	**About 8 / 14 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) wool: 420 yd (kids) or 790 yd (adult)
- US 9 (5.5 mm) needles, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

sl1yo yarn forward, slip 1 purlwise, yarn over the needle to the back
brk1 brioche knit: knit the st together with its yarn over

Gauge: 14 sts and 32 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in brioche. Count every knitted row: each column shows 1 'V' for every 2 rows you knit.

Scarf, Kids

Cast on	Cast on 20 sts loosely (an even number), with a needle 1 size bigger or the long-tail method over 2 needles.	**(20)**
Set-up row	*Yarn forward, slip 1 purlwise, yarn over the needle to the back (sl1yo), k1; repeat from * to the end.	**(20)**
Row 1	*Sl1yo, brk1 (knit the next stitch together with its yarn over); repeat from * to the end.	**(20)**
Rows 2–383	Repeat row 1. The scarf measures about 48 in (122 cm).	**(20)**
Bind off	Bind off loosely in pattern: knit the stitches and brk the stitch-and-yarn-over pairs as you go (don't slip anything).	**(0)**
Finish	Weave in the ends along a column. Don't press flat: brioche is meant to be squishy. Add a fringe if you like.	

Scarf, Adult

Cast on	Cast on 28 sts loosely (an even number), with a needle 1 size bigger or the long-tail method over 2 needles.	**(28)**
Set-up row	*Yarn forward, slip 1 purlwise, yarn over the needle to the back (sl1yo), k1; repeat from * to the end.	**(28)**

Row 1	*Sl1yo, brk1 (knit the next stitch together with its yarn over); repeat from * to the end.	**(28)**
Rows 2–511	Repeat row 1. The scarf measures about 64 in (163 cm).	**(28)**
Bind off	Bind off loosely in pattern: knit the stitches and brk the stitch-and-yarn-over pairs as you go (don't slip anything).	**(0)**
Finish	Weave in the ends along a column. Don't press flat: brioche is meant to be squishy. Add a fringe if you like.	

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Every row in our knitting engine: count, every sl1yo brioche-knitted on the next row and vice versa.
Calculated	Stitches, rows and yarn from the gauge.
Assumed	The gauge.

How to Knit the Brioche Stitch

sl1yo + brk1 on every row · the yarn overs make the deep, squishy ribs

1 · Yarn forward



Bring the yarn to the front, between the needles.

2 · Slip 1 purlwise



Slip the next stitch (with its yarn over, if it has one) purlwise.

3 · Yarn over the top



Take the yarn over the needle to the back: the slipped stitch now wears a yarn over (sl1yo).

4 · brk1



Next stitch: knit it together with its yarn over. Repeat sl1yo, brk1 to the end.

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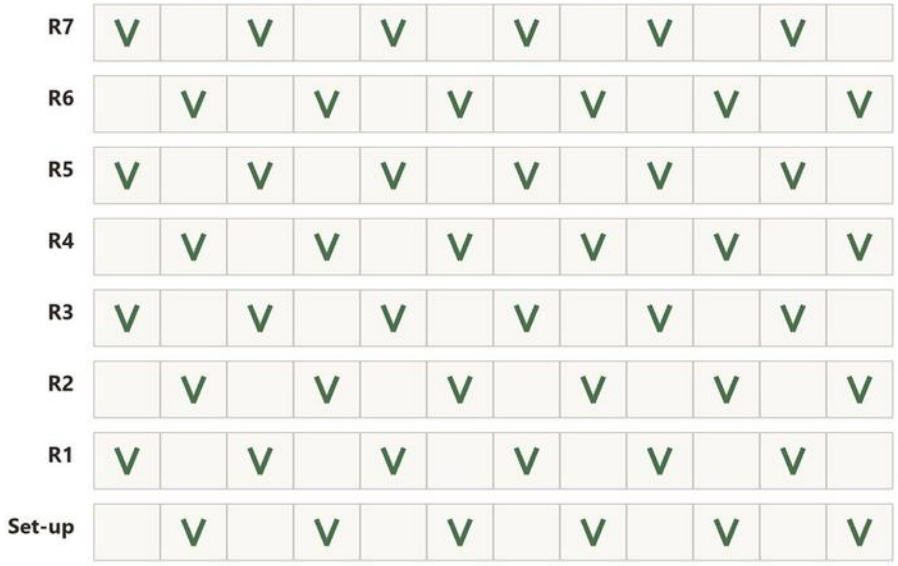
Brioche Stitch · Chart

12 sts shown × 8 rows (set-up row + rows 1–7) · one colour, every row the same



V-shaped mark = sl1yo (slip 1 with a yarn over) · blank = brk1 (or k1 on the set-up row)

Each column alternates: slipped on one row, brioche-knitted on the next. That's what stacks the ribs.

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Brioche Scarf · Sizes

Worsted (#4) wool · US 9 (5.5 mm) needles · gauge 14 sts × 32 rows = 4 in in brioche (count every knitted row)

Size	Finished	Cast on	Rows	Worsted
Kids	6 × 48 in (15 × 122 cm)	20	384	420 yd
Adult	8 × 64 in (20 × 163 cm)	28	512	790 yd

Brioche uses about 1.6 times the yarn of stockinette for the same size, and it's twice as thick.

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