

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HAPPEN

*Named for one of my favourite songs by one of my favourite bands,
The Tragically Hip*

This pattern can be knit in any weight yarn. It is adjustable as to how many repeats you do, where you place your garter stripes and how thick they are. For my sample, I increased 1 repeat per brioche strip | (4 rows). The last repeat was cut in half as I was running out of yarn. See how easy it is to stop whenever you want? Just knit until you run out of yarn!

You will learn the basic BRK (brioche knit) BRP (brioche purl) and BRKYOBK (brioche knit/yarn over/brioche knit). *This pattern assumes you know how to cast on, knit and purl.*

DEEP BREATH, we're going in.

Using your main colour (the one you want on the front). CO 2 sts. ****Sometimes I like to put a locking stitch marker around the first 2 stitches so they're easy to recognize.**

Knit 15 rows DO NOT TURN

Rotate knitting 90 degrees. Pick up and knit 1 stitch into each of the 7 purl bumps.

Pick up and knit 2 stitches from the cast on stitches.

You should have 11 stitches in total.

Here is where the fun starts. In 2 colour brioche, whatever colour you're looking at is the one you knit. You always start working with your main colour (often called MC or LC) whether you are working on a RS or WS row.

SET UP

Row 1A: WS/MC k2, (sl1yo, p1) to the last 3 sts, sl1yo, k2. Do Not Turn. Slide everything to the other end

Row 1B: WS/CC Join CC, sl 2 sts, (brk, sl1yo) to the last 3 sts, brk, drop CC so it is hanging to the back of your work and ready to purl on the WS, sl 2 sts. Turn.

Row 2A: RS/ MC k2, sl1yo, BRKYOBK, sl1yo, BRK, sl1yo, BRKYOBK, sl1yo k2. Slide

Row 2B: RS/CC Sl 2 sts, brp, (sl1yo, p1, sl1yo), brp, sl1yo, brp, (sl1yo, p1, sl1yo), brp, sl 2 sts wyif. Turn.

Still with me? You can do this! You've already completed one pass of brioche! Wasn't that easy?

Pattern Repeat:

The increases will happen on the right side, every 4th row

Row 1A: WS/MC, k2, (sl1yo, brp) to the last 3 sts, sl1yo, k2.

Row 1B: WS/CC Sl 2 sts, (brk, sl1yo) to the last 3 sts, brk, sl 2 sts wyib. Turn.

Row 2A:RS/MC k2, (sl1yo, brk) to the last 3 sts, sl1yo, k2. Slide

Row 2B:RS/CC Sl 2 sts, (brp, sl1yo) to the last last 3 sts, brp, sl 2 sts wyif. Turn.

Row 3A: WS/MC, k2, (sl1yo, brp) to the last 3 sts, sl1yo, k2. Slide

Row 3B:WS/CC Sl 2 sts, (brk, sl1yo) to the last 3 sts, brk, sl 2 sts wyib. Turn.

Row 4 A:RS/ MC, k2, sl1yo, BRKYOBK, (sl1yo, brk) to the last 5 sts, sl1yo, BRKYOBK, sl1yo, k2. Slide

Row 4B: RS/CC Sl 2 sts, brp, (sl1yo, p1), (sl1yo, brp) to next increase, (sl1yo, p1), sl1yo, brp, sl 2 sts wyif. Turn.

****If you'd like to add in a garter stripe, you can do that at any time on a WS row.**

I like to use a completely different colour from my main shawl body. To begin k2, sts then knit and purl as you see them. This will keep the RS in pattern and won't interrupt the stitch pattern. End with a k2 to maintain garter edge.

On the RS, k2, kfb then knit to the last 3 stitches, kfb, k2.

You can make your garter stripe as thick as you'd like, following this pattern. To cast on for your next brioche row, just follow the pattern, starting with the SET UP row again on a WS row.

Bind off when you get to as many repeats as you want. Use the stretchiest bind off you know! Brioche will bloom after soaking. I tend to block my brioche fairly aggressively, but see how yours behaves. Blocking wires or the trimmer line trick will help get rid of the cast on "hump" along the top edge. The way this shawl knits up, you could also block it as a triangle, with your cast off edge being the top. Fun, right?

KEY

BRK- knit the stitch with it's YO BRP- purl the stitch with its YO
slyo- slip 1 stitch purlwise, yo with this stitch BRKYOBK - brioche knit, yo, brioche knit in the same stitch. When you come back to this stitch on the second pass, work the centre stitch as a regular purl stitch.