

Blooming Brioche - Materials and Introduction

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- **Finished Size:** Adjustable, shown in larger size 68 (74)" [173, 188 cm] wide and 20 (26)" [51, 66 cm] deep triangle shape.
- **Yarn:** Once Upon a Corgi Isaac, 437 yards (400m) per 100g; 100% Polwarth wool.
Light Color 1: 1 (1) skein La Dame Death
Light Color 2: 0 (1) skein His Name is Shirley
Dark Color: 1 (2) skeins Narnia
- **Needles:** Size 5 (3.75mm) circular needle, or size needed to obtain gauge, with a 40" (100 cm) long cord.
- **Gauge:** 14 sts x 26 rows = 4 x 4" (10 x 10 cm) square in brioche stitch.
- **Other Materials:** Tapestry needle, locking stitch markers, pins, blocking surface, steamer, row counter.

This KAL is designed to introduce fans of two color brioche knitting to new and interesting configurations of the stitch. There are many patterns available that use this technique, but it can be intimidating to make the leap from simple variations to projects with multiple stages, shaping, and stitch patterns. Starting with a recap of the basic 2 color brioche stitch, we will work our way through this project together.

Follow along and get help in the [Ravelry forums](#). I'll be checking in daily to see if there are any questions. If I am unavailable I will try to let you know in advance.

For video tips on each stage of the shawl and brioche knitting techniques, visit the [Blooming Brioche KAL YouTube Playlist](#).

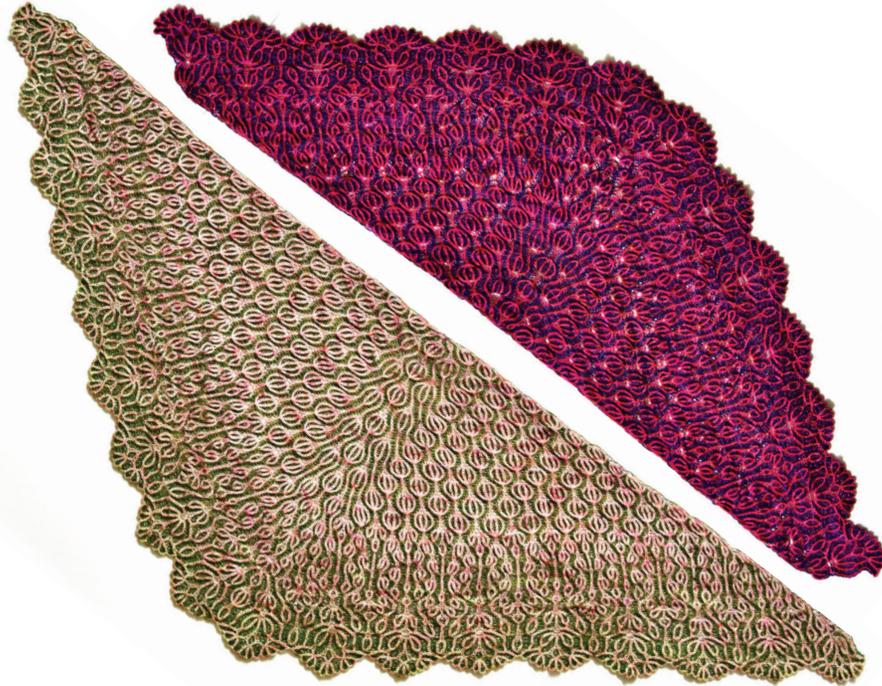
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- Picking Yarn
- You'll need at least one light color and one dark color of fingering weight yarn for this project. The light colors form the flower shapes and the dark color is the backdrop that lets your light color(s) shine. If you choose a variegated yarn for your light color, make sure it has good contrast against the dark color. Both examples to the left use a speckled light colored yarn and a semi-solid dark yarn.
- A small size shawl requires 1 skein (100g) of each color, and the larger size requires 2 skeins of each color, though you may not use up all your yarn in the larger size.
- I chose to add a fade effect to my large size shawl, so my 2 light color skeins are slightly different tones. If you decide to add a color fade to your shawl, you can pick 2 or more colors of light yarn instead of a single light color, just make sure they aren't too different. The photo below shows the difference between the colors of light yarns for fade effect. When you receive your swatch instructions, you will have a chance to test your choices.

Schedule

<u>Materials and Introduction</u>	October 18
Swatch	October 25
Stage 1	November 1
Stage 2	November 8
Stage 3	November 15

The swatch instructions and following three stages of the pattern will be released via Ravelry every Thursday at noon EST.

