

Peacock's Pride

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I have lost myself to brioche knitting ... And I love it. But I am warning you, brioche knitting is addictive.

Peacock's Pride is a reversible and elegant design which calls you to wrap yourself up in it. Set off your favorite colorful or variegated yarn on one side with a contrasting background color on the other side.

Gauge is not crucial for this design, but if your gauge differs from the pattern gauge, the dimensions of your shawl will be different as well. You can keep knitting until it has reached the size you want or you run out of yarn. The pictured shawls were made with sport weight yarn, but the pattern can easily be worked in DK, fingering or lace weight yarn.

PATTERN NOTES

Brioche knitting is a simple, multicolor technique where you can mix your favorite colors and yarns to create a unique and playful look. The result is like two different shawls because the fabric is completely reversible. Each counted row **is worked twice**. The first row is worked using the first or main color (I chose olive yarn for my main color) and then without turning your work, you slide the stitches back to the other end of needle and work the same row again using the contrasting or second color (I used grey). Do not break yarn between rows, simply drop the first color and slide the work to pick up other. **Remember, each counted row is worked twice.**

If you put down your knitting and forget which color to use next, look at the color of the yo (yarn over) in the row just worked. That is the last color you used, so your next row should be other color. Work brioche pattern in color indicated (MC or CC)

In brioche knitting a stitch with its yarnover is considered **ONE stitch**. The yarnover is never counted separately.

I suggest that you make a swatch first to practice this pattern. You may need to refer to the chart/pattern frequently. I highly recommend double-checking your work after every pattern row (increases and decreases). I suggest that you practice this pattern first doing a swatch.

Before beginning, please read through the entire pattern. You also need to understand the specific Brioche Stitches abbreviations and certainly check pattern very often. All increases and decreases are only worked on the RS. If you have trouble with any stitch, you can find tutorials for all the stitches used in this pattern on YouTube.

The pattern is easily expanded. You can do as many or as few pattern repeats as you like. I repeated pattern **Part B pattern 7 times**.

This Brioche beauty is like a peacock's pride. It is a classic top-down shawl, which is worked in one piece and consists of **3 identical triangles**. This pattern is ideal for an adventurous beginner and is fully written and also includes charted instructions (video tutorials and photos). Check both. It has been thoroughly tested. If you are charted person, you can pop over to The Peacock's Pride Shawl Charts and follow along with them (Page 9 to 11) or if you prefer written instructions you can pop over to The Written Instructions (Page 5 to 7) and follow along with them over there.

BRIOCHE STITCH ABBREVIATIONS:

brk (brioche knit, also known as a bark)= knit stitch that was slipped in the previous row together with its yarn over.

brkyobrk (2 stitches increased) = brk1, leaving stitch on the LH needle, yarn over, then brk1 into the same st – (2 sts increased). (On following row with CC work: sl1yo, p1, sl1yo – 3 stitches)

brLsl dec = (2-stitch decrease that slants to the left, involving 3 sts) = sl first stitch knitwise, brk the following two stitches together, pass the slipped stitch over.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Ro_N4NCUDQ&t=23s

brRsl dec = (2 stitch decrease that slants to the right, involving 3 stitches) = slip the first stitch knitwise, knit the next st, pass the slipped st over, place stitch on LH needle and pass the following stitch over. Place st on RH needle.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5w3s_MYULtU

brp (brioche purl, also know as a burp) = purl the stitch (that was slipped in the previous row) together with its yarn over.

br4st dec = (involving 5 stitches, 4-stitch decrease) = Slip the first and the second sts separately knitwise, place the following stitch on cable needle to front of work, knit the next stitch, pass the second slipped stitch over, place st on LH needle and pass the next stitch over, place st on RH needle, pass the first slipped st over, move st from cable needle to LH needle, place working st on LH needle, pass the stitch from cable needle over and place finished dec st on RH needle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2LC1L6NHb8>

br4st inc = (in ONE stitch)= brk1, leaving stitch on LH needle, yarn over (yarn forward under RH needle then over RH needle to back), brk1, yarn over and brk1

All worked in the same stitch - 4 stitches increased
(On following row with CC work: sl1yo, p1, sl1yo, p1, sl1yo – 5 stitches)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40Kpl0FDKgw>

CC = Contrasting Color for the back of the work and purl stitches (I used black yarn)

CO = cast on ; **K** = knit ; **LH** = left hand ; **RH** = right hand,

MC = Main Color for the front of the work and the knit stitches (I used colorful yarn)

P = purl ; **PM** = place marker ; **sl** = slip (slip purlwise), **SM**= slip marker

sl1yo (following a knit or brk stitch, MC row)= (slip 1 yarn over)= bring the working yarn under the needle to the front of the work, slip the next stitch purlwise, then bring the yarn over the needle (and over the slipped stitch) to the back, in position to work the following stitch. This slipped stitch with yarn over is counted as 1 stitch.

sl1yo (following a purl or brp stitch, CC row) = (slip 1 yarn over) = the working yarn is already in front. Slip the next stitch purlwise, then bring the yarn over the needle (and over the slipped stitch) then to the front under the needle, into position to work the following stitch.

st/s = stitch or stitches

yo= yarn forward and yarn over needle to the back

wyib = with yarn in back of the work

Materials:

MC yarn: Sports weight , Drops Alpaca yarn (100% alpaca) or other the same gauge/weight yarn.

50 grams (1.76 ounces) / 182yards (166 meters)

Yardage: 3 balls Drops Alpaca, colorway olive. Approx 436yards (400m), 120gr.

CC yarn: Also Drops Alpaca

Yardage: 3 balls Drops Alpaca, colorway grey. Approx 420yards (390m), 110gr

My shawl weighs about 230 gr. Note that is you use different weight yarn or different needle sizes, the yardage, weight and dimension of your shawl may differ from mine.

Dimensions:

59" (150cm) wingspan x 21" (52cm) height at spine. All measurements taken from relaxed fabric after blocking.

Shawl gauge:

23 sts x 30 rows = 4" (10cm) square in Brioche Stitch. Measurement taken from relaxed fabric after blocking

Needles:

24" (60cm) or 32" (80cm) circular needle 3.5mm / US 4

Tools:

tapestry needle for weaving in ends, cable needle for br4st dec, stitch markers

Skill level:

Adventurous Intermediate

You should be familiar with two-color brioche knitting (slipped stitches worked in conjunction with yarnovers)

Techniques Used: Brioche Knit (brk), Brioche Purl (brp), Brioche increases and decreases, Stretchy Bind-Off (or the I-Cord Bind-Off). Previous experience working Basic two-color Brioche is not required, but it is recommended.

INSTRUCTIONS:

CO 9 sts (with MC yarn) using the Twisted German CO method (or other long-tail CO method) with loose tension or with a needle that is a few sizes larger than the working needle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mk670kVxess>

Do not turn work, this is the Right Side. **Slide your work** to the other end of circular needle and join CC yarn for the set-up row.

Setup row for brioche: Using CC yarn, start: wyib, sl1yo, p1, *sl1yo, p1*, repeat from *to* to last st, sl1. Don't twist yarns. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. Do this throughout the entire pattern. **Turn**

Row 1 (WS) MC: p1, sl1yo, *brp1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to last st, p1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 1 (WS) CC: sl1, wyib, *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to 2 last sts, brk1, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Beginning Shawl, Part A:

Row 1 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, *br4stinc, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to last st, k1 (**total 21 sts**). **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 1 (RS) CC: sl1, wyib, brp1, *sl1yo, p1, sl1yo, p1, sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn.**

Row 2 (WS) MC *and all brioche pattern Wrong Side MC rows*: p1, *sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the last 2 sts, sl1yo, p1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 2 (WS) CC *and all brioche pattern Wrong Side CC rows*: sl1, *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to the last 2 sts, brk1, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Row 3 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to the last st, k1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 3 (RS) CC: sl1, wyib, brp1, *sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Note: Usually after every patterned (inc and dec, every second RS row) row you knit plain brioche rows.

Row 5 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, *brk1, sl1yo, br4stinc, sl1yo, brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to the last st, k1 (**total 33 sts**). **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 5 (RS) CC: sl1, brp1, *sl1yo, brp1, (sl1yo, p1) 2 times, sl1yo, brp1, sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Row 7 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to the last st, k1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 7 (RS) CC: sl1, brp1, *sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Row 9 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, *(brk1, sl1yo) 2 times, br4stinc, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times, PM*, repeat from *to* to the last st, k1. Final marker is not required (**total 45 sts**). **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Note: Now you will have 2 stitch markers to separating 3 sectors of brioche repeats. Slip markers from now on as you come to them.

Row 9 (RS) CC: sl1, brp1, *(sl1yo, brp1) 2 times, (sl1yo, p1) 2 times, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) 2 times, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Continue to Part B.

Multiple Motifs, Part B:

Row 1 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, *brkyobrk, sl1yo, repeat (brk1, sl1yo) until 2 sts before marker, brkyobrk, sl1yo, SM*, repeat from *to* to the last st, k1 (**total 57 sts**). **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Note: Too many times I forgot to do brkyobrk (when I start getting too confident). The row just knitted is where you are increasing your shawl and creating the next leaf.

Row 1 (RS) CC: sl1, brp1, *sl1yo, p1, sl1yo, brp1, (sl1yo, brp1) until 4 sts before marker, sl1yo, p1, sl1yo, brp1, SM* repeat from *to* to the last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**.

Row 2 (WS) MC *and all brioche pattern Wrong Side*

MC rows: p1, *sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the last 2 sts, sl1yo, p1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 2 (WS) CC *and all brioche pattern Wrong Side CC rows:* sl1, *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to the last 2 sts, brk1, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Row 3 (RS) MC *and all other plain rows:* k1, sl1yo, *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to the last st, k1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 3 (RS) CC: *and after all brioche pattern RS plain (CC):* sl1, brp1, *sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Row 5 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, [*br4stinc, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times, br4stdec, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times*, repeat from *to* to the 2 sts before marker, br4stinc, sl1yo, SM], and repeat from [to] to the last st, k1 (**total 69 sts**). **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Note: Knitting first time Part B, Rows 5, 9 and 13, with MC and CC, ignore phrase „repeat from *to* to ... st before marker“ – you just haven't so many sts for repeats between markers.

Row 5 (RS) CC: sl1, brp1, [* (sl1yo, p1) 2 times, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) 5 times, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the 6 sts before marker, (sl1yo, p1) 2 times, sl1yo, brp1, SM], repeat from [to] to the last last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Row 7 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to the last st, k1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 7 (RS) CC: sl1, brp1, *sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Row 9 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, [brk1, sl1yo, *br4stinc, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times, br4stdec, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times*, repeat from *to* to 4 sts before marker, br4stinc, sl1yo, brk1, sl1yo, SM], and repeat from [to] to the last st, k1 (**total 81 sts**). **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 9 (RS) CC: sl1, brp1, [sl1yo, brp1, *(sl1yo, p1) 2 times, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) 5 times, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the 8 sts before marker, (sl1yo, p1) 2 times, sl1yo, brp1, sl1yo, brp1, SM], repeat from [to] to the last last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Row 11 (RS) MC: k1, *sl1yo, brk1*, repeat from *to* to the last 2 sts, sl1yo, k1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 11 (RS) CC: sl1, *brp1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to the last 2 sts, brp1, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Row 13 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, [(brk1, sl1yo) 2 times, *br4stinc, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times, br4stdec, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times*, repeat from *to* to 6 sts before marker, br4stinc, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times, SM], repeat from [to] to the last st, k1 (**total 93 sts**). **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 13 (RS) CC: sl1, brp1, [(sl1yo, brp1) 2 times, *(sl1yo, p1) 2 times, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) 5 times, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the 10 sts before marker, (sl1yo, p1) 2 times, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) 2 times, brp1, SM], repeat from [to] to the last last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. **Turn**

Work the Multiple Motifs Rows 1 to 14 from pattern **repeat 7 or more times**. There will be one more motif in each section after each pattern repeat. End on Row 14 (WS) CC .

Continue to Edge, Part C

Edge, Part C:

Row 1 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to the last st, k1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 1 (RS) CC: sl1, brp1, *sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work.

Turn

Row 2 (WS) MC and all brioche pattern Wrong Side MC rows : p1, *sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the last 2 sts, sl1yo, p1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 2 (WS) CC and all brioche pattern Wrong Side CC rows: sl1, *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to the last 2 sts, brk1, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. Turn

Row 3 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, [(brk1, sl1yo) 3 times, *br4stinc, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times, br4stdec, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times*], repeat from *to* to the last 8 sts before PM, br4inc, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times, brk1, sl1yo, SM]. Repeat from [to] to the last st, k1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 3 (RS) CC: sl1, brp1, [(sl1yo, brp1) 3 times, *(sl1yo, p1) 2 times, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) 5 times, brp1*], repeat from *to* to the 12 sts before marker, (sl1yo, p1) 2 times, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) 3 times, brp1, SM], repeat from [to] to the last last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. Turn

Row 5 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, *brk1, sl1yo*, repeat from *to* to the last st, k1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 5 (RS) CC: sl1, brp1, *sl1yo, brp1*, repeat from *to* to the last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. Turn

Row 7 (RS) MC: k1, sl1yo, [(brk1, sl1yo) 4 times, *br4stinc, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times, br4stdec, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 2 times*], repeat from *to* to the last 10 sts before PM, br4stinc, sl1yo, (brk1, sl1yo) 4 times, SM], repeat [to] to last st, k1. **Do not turn.** Slide sts to end of needle.

Row 7 (RS) CC: sl1, brp1, [(sl1yo, brp1) 4 times, *(sl1yo, p1) 2 times, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) 5 times, brp1*], repeat from *to* to the 14 sts before marker, (sl1yo, p1) 2 times, sl1yo, (brp1, sl1yo) 4 times, brp1, SM], repeat from [to] to the last last st, sl1. Drop CC yarn on WS of work. Turn

After Row 8 (WS) CC is time to bind off your shawl. Using MC yarn and your favorite stretchy bind off or I-cord bind off method.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDY3zR34lsI>

Note: *Binding off tips - To avoid the bind-off edge being too tight, you can bind off with a 1/2 needle size larger and I recommend stretchy bind off. Weave in ends with tapestry needle. Use a wet blocking method for blocking your shawl.*

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How to use cable needle



Finished **br4stdec**



Close-up view of completed **br4stinc**: knit into one stitch - brk1, yo, brk1, yo and brk1



Close-up view next round after CC yarn



Finished brRsl dec



Finished brLsl dec

Peacock's Pride Shawl Charts

Note: Brioche chart symbols are meant to appear as if you are looking at the right side (RS) of the work.

Chart Symbol definitions:

	Knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows
--	Purl on RS rows, knit on WS rows
V	Slip 1 purlwise
	sl1yo - slip 1 with yarn over
Ⓐ	brk on RS rows, brp on WS rows
Ⓑ	brp on RS rows, brk on WS rows
█	no stitch
▲	br4st dec
rn	brkyobrk on RS rows, brpyobrp on WS rows
rn rn	br4st inc - brkyobrk

Abbreviations:

MC	- Main Color
CC	- Contrasting Color
RS	- Right Side (MC Side)
WS	- Wrong Side (CC Side)
sl	- Slip
brk	- brioche knit
brp	- brioche purl

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Cast on and Set up rows

WS set up row CC	V	A		A		A		A		A	V
WS set up row MC		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ	
	V	--		--		--		--		--	V

RS set up row CC
RS cast on in MC

Stitch numbers 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Beginning Shawl, Part A Chart

Row 10 WS CC	V	A		A		A		A		A	V	
Row 10 WS MC		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		
	V	A		A		A		--		--	A	V
		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		--		--	A	V
Row 8 WS CC	V	A		A		A		A		A	V	
Row 8 WS MC		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		
	V	A		A		A		A		A	V	
		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		
Row 6 WS CC	V	A		A		A		A		A	V	
Row 6 WS MC		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		
	V	A		A		A		--		--	A	V
		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		--		--	A	V
Row 4 WS CC	V	A		A		A		A		A	V	
Row 4 WS MC		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		
	V	A		A		A		A		A	V	
		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		
Row 2 WS CC	V	A		A		A		A		A	V	
Row 2 WS MC		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		
	V	A		A		A		--		--	A	V
		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		Ⓐ		--		--	A	V

Stitch numbers 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

 - Repeats outlined in Red

- Repeats within the Stitch Markers are outlined in BLUE - repeat this motif until you get to stitch marker

- Repeats between Stitch Markers outlined in Red - repeat entire motif, including BLUE repeats until you get to stitch marker

Multiple Motifs, Part B Chart

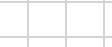
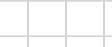
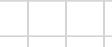
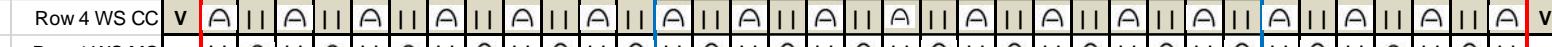
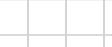
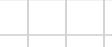
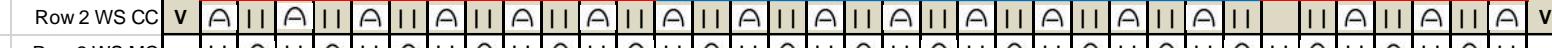
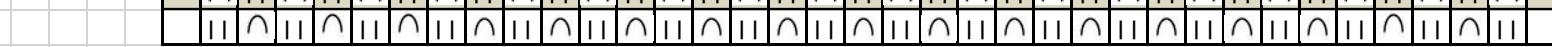
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 - Repeats between Stitch Markers outlined in Red - repeat entire motif, including BLUE repeats until you get to stitch

 - Repeats in BLUE for all stitches between the edges, starting after the beginning and ending stitches, as shown.

Part C (Edge Part)

Row 8 WS CC		
Row 8 WS MC		
		
Row 7 RS CC		
Row 7 RS MC		
Row 6 WS CC		
Row 6 WS MC		
		
Row 5 RS CC		
Row 5 RS MC		
Row 4 WS CC		
Row 4 WS MC		
		
Row 3 RS CC		
Row 3 RS MC		
Row 2 WS CC		
Row 2 WS MC		
		
Row 1 RS CC		
Row 1 RS MC		
Stitch numbers	43 42 41 40 39 38 37 36 35 34 33 32 31 30 29 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	