

# ***Pattern for knitting a flat – two-colored Brioche swatch***

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Use the Italian Cast On

When doing two-color brioche, cast on an odd number of stitches.

Abbreviations:

K1: Knit 1

P1: Purl 1

Sl1YO: Slip 1 yarnover

YF: Yarn forward

Sl1: Slip on

BRK: (Brioche knit stitch with a companion yarnover)

BRP: (Brioche Purl stitch with a companion yarnover)

WS: Wrong Side

RS: Right Side

LS: Light Side

DS: Dark Side

LC: Light Color

DC: Dark Color

Pattern Notes:

It takes two rows to create one in Brioche Knitting. They are often referred to as Row 1a and Row 1b and so on.

In two color Brioche, the RS knit rows are light colored and WS knit rows are dark colored.

Each Brioche row is worked with two colors, one at a time. Regardless of it being RS or WS, the first color worked is always the light one.

After working the dark color row, be sure to leave the working yarn on the light side. By doing so the yarn will be where it should be when you need it next.

Never work the selvage stitch with the dark color. When working with the dark color, the selvage stitch will be slipped. Selvage stitches are only worked with the light colored yarn.

If you have to back out a row and are unsure of what color was worked last, look at the yarnovers on the needle.... That's the last color worked.

After working the rows, the stitches are slid to the other side and after the b rows, the work is turned.

Set up rows:

WS/LC a: P1, Sl1YO, \* P1, Sl1YO \*, repeat from \* to \* until last stitch and end with P1  
Do not turn – slide stitches to other end!

WS/DC b: Sl1, BRK, \* Sl1YO, BRK \*, repeat from \* to \* until last stitch and end with Sl1. Turn!

Pattern rows:

Row 1a RS/LS/LC: K1, Sl1YO, \* BRK, Sl1YO \*, repeat from \* to \* until last stitch and end with K1. Do not turn – slide stitches to the other end!

Row 1b RS/LS/DC: Sl1, BRP, \* Sl1YO, BRP \*, repeat from \* to \* until last stitch and end with a Sl1. Turn!

Row 2a WS/DS/LC: P1, Sl1YO, \* BRP, Sl1YO \*, repeat from \* to \* until last stitch and end with P1. Do not turn – slide stitches to the other end!

Row 2b WS/DS/DC: Sl1, BRK, \*Sl1YO, BRK \*, repeat from \* to \* until last stitch and end with a Sl1. Turn!

Continue repeating these two pattern rows until you've reached the desired length.

Note: End on row 2b WS to do an Italian bind off. In other words, the bind off needs to start with a row 1a RS/LC.