

Tiny Tutorial: Two-Colour Brioche

Hi guys, welcome. In this video, we are gonna talk about how to knit brioche, specifically, how to knit two-colour brioche in the round.

Now, last year, I started this little hat pattern. It's a brioche hat. It actually has all sorts of patterns and this twisting and meandering vines and all sorts of things like that, but I was just trying to get started with the actual brioche technique, and it took me three tries to maybe figure out how this all worked, because my issue was that I tried to read the instructions, read the stitch instructions, word-for-word as they were coming without consulting the stitch guide, without consulting what it actually meant for these acronyms. When they say yarn over, slip, I just knit what I thought was a yarn over and slip, and it didn't work at all.

So I wanna show you guys how to actually knit two-colour brioche. It's super easy; it's a fantastic technique that produces a really, really cool colour effect. You can see in this hat there's two colours, and one of the colours will pop out into the front and then the other colour will kind of hide away in the back, and then also if you turn it inside out, that back colour sorta pops out. So it just produces a really, really cool, beautiful colour effect, and this can be used in a hat, could be used in shawls, scarves, whatever. It's a fantastic little colour effect to use two different colours. So I'm gonna show you how to do that.

So before we begin, I just wanna let you know that in all of the brioche projects that I've encountered, I've looked at brioche projects from different designers, and different designers will sort of write their instructions in different ways. So it might be a little bit confusing and nonstandard, but what I want you to do is to look at the technique, understand how it works, so that way you can apply your understanding, your visual understanding, of how brioche works to whatever instructions are being provided.

In my case, I have a pattern that I'm using, and what I have is three abbreviations, three knitting abbreviations, that you guys will need to know. So the first one is yarn over slip, it's YOS is how it's abbreviated, yarn over slip, and in order to work this, what you need to do is you need to bring your yarn to the front of your work, and then slip one stitch as if to purl, and then take that yarn and put it to the back of your work, and so this produces a slipped purl stitch and a yarn over at the same time, and so the yarns will look doubled up.

The next abbreviation that you need to know is BK2tog. It's basically a knit two together, but it's a brioche knit two together, and so that idea is that you knit the stitch together with the yarn over that is paired with it. You knit those two together. It's not a decrease, it's basically just taking that extra yarn over and knitting it together with that stitch.

Likewise, the other acronym that you need to know is BP2together. So BP2tog, brioche purl two together. So that idea is very simple as well. It's to purl the stitch, but at the same time as you're purling the stitch, you purl it together with the yarn over that is paired with that stitch. So I'm gonna show you all of these things in detail as we do the demo.

Okay, so in order to knit this brioche in the round, two-colour brioche in the round, I'm gonna start off with this. This is my starting point. Basically, I just cast on 48 stitches, I made a magic loop. These needles happen to be 3.75 millimeter, so I think they're US five, and I have just knit sort of a stockinette tube in the round just to get started. For knitting two-colour brioche in the round I have four rounds of pattern. The first two rounds are just to set up the pattern, and then after that, the third and fourth round are basically rounds that you just repeat over and over and over again to produce the effect.

So here I'm gonna show you the setup round. Round number one, with your main colour, which is gonna be this purple colour, I'm going to knit the yarn over slip, or YOS, and then I'm gonna purl one, and I'm just gonna repeat those two stitches. When I add the second colour, my second colour is gonna be this. This is gonna be my contrast colour. This is gonna be my main colour. In order to knit my yarn over slip, I'm going to bring the yarn to the front of my work, so yarn in front, and then I'm going to slip one stitch as if to purl, and then I'm gonna bring the yarn back to the front of my work in order to purl the next stitch, and so you can see what I've done already. I've created a yarn over, I've slipped that stitch, and then the next stitch is a purl. Time to walk it all down.

So now I have my yarn at the front of my work already, so I don't need to bring it to my front of my work, it's already there, so I'm going to slip the next stitch as if to purl and then purl the next stitch. So in doing so, in order to purl that next stitch, I have to bring my yarn around to the front of my work again. So in doing that, I've created another yarn over. So I'm gonna do a few more of those. Slip one. Purl one. Slip one with the yarn over, purl one. Slip one with the yarn over, purl. Slip one with the yarn over, and purl. So just looking at what we've done now, you can see there's yarn overs, there's slip stitches, and there's purl stitches, yarn over, slip, purl, yarn over, slip, purl, yarn over, slipped, purl. So we just keep on going. Okay, so now we finished that round. We're gonna leave this main colour hanging at the front of our work as we go on.

And the next setup round is round number two, and we're gonna add the contrast colour. So now, with the contrast colour, we're going to brioche knit two together and then yarn over slip. So, as you're looking at your stitches here on the left hand needle, you can see that there's a knit stitch here that we slipped last time, and that is being paired with this yarn over. So these are the two that we're gonna knit together. Then this next stitch here is one that we purled last time around. That stitch we're gonna do with the yarn over. So you can see, I'm gonna go into both of these stitches, so the knit stitch and the yarn over, put those together, and I'm gonna knit those two together, and then with this next stitch, which is a purl, what I'm gonna do is I'm gonna do that yarn over slip. So in order to do that, I need to bring my yarn to the front again so that I can slip this one as if to purl, and then I need to make that yarn over by putting my yarn to the back, and as I do that, I'm gonna go into these next two stitches, the knit stitch paired with the yarn over, and I'm gonna purl and knit those two together.

So you can see kind of what's happening here. I'm gonna knit a few more and you can see. So we've come up to the purl stitch which means that we have to work the yarn over slip. So I bring my yarn to the front, slip as if to purl, and then I bring the yarn to the back making that yarn over. Then I'm gonna go in and I'm gonna brioche knit these two together, and then I'm going to make this yarn over slip, brioche knit two together, yarn over slip, brioche knit two together, yarn over slip, brioche knit two together, then yarn over slip, brioche knit two together, slip.

So as you keep going, it's going to feel like you're knitting ribbing, one-by-one ribbing, but when you're doing those knit stitches, you're gonna knit two together with that yarn over, and in between, you're gonna make a little yarn

over. So that's kind of like just like ribbing, and you can kind of see what we're producing here. It looks a little bit messy and it looks a little bit clumsy because you have all of these sort of diagonal yarn overs messing things up, but as you go to knit them in the next round, they do start to look more clear and obvious what each one is. Great, so then the last stitch here, we're just gonna leave our contrast colour hanging at the back of our work to make sure that we're finishing off that yarn over.

Okay, great, so now, starting round three. With our main colour, again which we're leaving in the front, we are going to do our yarn over slip and then brioche purl two together. So leaving the yarn in the front, I'm going to slip as if to purl, and then I'm going to take my yarn to the back and around so that I can purl the next two stitches together. So I'm purling this yarn over and the purl stitch together. So into the stitches as if to purl, I'm going to purl them together, and so I have created a yarn over, slipped, and brioche purl two together. I'm gonna do that again. Yarn over and slip, brioche purl two together, yarn over and slip, and then brioche purl two together. So let's do that again. I'm going to yarn over slip. So I'm creating this yarn over by slipping, and I have my yarn in the front, and as it's moving to the back, that's what's producing the yarn over. Coming back to the front, and then I'm gonna purl those two together, purling the yarn over and the purl stitch together. So this next stitch is going to be yarn over slip, purl two together, yarn over slip, purl two together, yarn over slip, purl two together.

So it seems like you're naming them out of order, so it seems like it's going out of order because you're doing really slip yarn over, brioche purl two together, and I think that that's where I was getting mixed up in the instructions. When I was reading it as a yarn over slip, then I was trying to do a yarn over, and then slipping, and then trying to knit, and it was causing all sorts of messed up problems. So you really have to do this as holding the yarn in the front, and as you are slipping you are creating that yarn over at the same time. So slipping and creating the yarn over at the same time and then brioche purl two together, and coming to the end of the stitch, you can see that what I'm going to need to do is I'm going to need to purl these two together. This is sort of, it seems like it's hanging out, but really it should be hanging at the back, and so this next stitch is to brioche purl these two together like so.

Okay, so starting round four, this is the same as round two. Actually what we're gonna do is we're gonna brioche knit these two together and then yarn over slip those purl stitches, okay? So this is our yarn over, this is our knit stitch, we are gonna go in and brioche knit two together. This one's a little bit sloppy and loose because this is the beginning of the round. The next one, yarn over slip, and then brioche knit two together. Okay, yarn over slip, brioche knit two together. So, again, to do this yarn over slip, I'm basically moving my yarn to the front of my work, slipping the stitches as if to purl, and then letting that yarn go to the back in order so that I can be ready to knit those two stitches together.

So you can see sort of as I'm working with this contrasting colour, you can see that on my right hand needle I'm getting sort of two of these white stitches, one of the main colour stitch, two of this contrasting colour, one of the main colour, two contrasting colour, and so on, and so this is the way that I can see which colour I have just worked. You can already start to see that brioche texture happening where these contrasting stitches are being sort of elongated and they're popping out in front, and the darker colour, the purple colour, is sort of fading into the background. They're stretching out and then popping into the background, and it's gonna become like a one-by-one ribbing where the top stitches, or the stitches that are coming forward, are the contrasting colour, and the stitches that are moving backwards into sort of the valley of that ribbing, that those are going to be the main

colour, or the dark purple colour. So as you're looking at your stitches on the left hand side of your needle, hopefully it can become a little bit more obvious what you need to do each time. You see these paired stitches with the yarn overs, you know that those ones you're gonna have to knit, and then these other ones you're gonna have to make into a yarn over slip for the next round.

So now, looking at my work, I know exactly that this stitch needs to have a yarn over paired together with that, and then I'm gonna take care of this paired yarn over from the previous round, and that's just how I'm going about and thinking about my brioche as I'm knitting it. So that means that when I pick up this project from a year ago, I can actually look at it and say, oh, I know exactly where I'm supposed to start. I know that since there are two of these dark colours and one of the light colour, that means that the next round needs to be done with the lighter strawberry tea colour, and then I can see that there's this paired yarn over with this knit stitch, so I know that I need to knit those two together, and then there's this purl stitch here hanging out so I'm going to do my yarn over slip here, and then these two stitches need to be knit together, and so very easily I can pick up a project that I started last year and forgot sort of what was going on, I know exactly where to pick up and how to continue, and so brioche produces this beautiful effect. It looks like one-by-one ribbing, but it's just got depth and richness to it, and it's just another way of using two colours in yarns, using multiple colours, using hand-dyed colours to really pull out some of the interest and highlight and feature some of that yarn.

So I hope this little brioche tutorial was helpful to you. I hope that if you've never tried this technique before and you've been curious and wanting to try, I hope that this gives you a little bit of guidance moving forward.

My goal here is really for you to be able to read your knitting and to see what needs to be done next rather than always being focused on the actual stitches that are being described in a written pattern. Because people go about describing brioche in so many different ways, I wanted you guys to understand how it fundamentally works. So I hope that this tutorial was helpful to you guys.

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