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THE KNIT SHOW: BRIOCHE WITH ANDREA MOWRY 8/3/2017

Brioche 101 - *If you can knit, purl, slip a stitch, and yarnover - you can brioche!!!*

Think of brioche stitches as coming in pairs, the stitch that is slipped and the stitch that is brioche knit or brioche purred.

- ◆ **brk** - brioche knit; knit the slipped stitch and it's "yarn over shawl" together as one stitch.
- ◆ **brp** - brioche purl; purl the slipped stitch and it's "yarn over shawl" together as one stitch.
- ◆ **sl1yo, k1 or brk1** - Move your working yarn to the front, slip the next stitch purlwise, and then knit (or brioche knit) the stitch after that. This creates a little yarn over shawl around your slipped stitch.
- ◆ **sl1yo, p1 or brp1** - With your working yarn in front, slip the next stitch purlwise. Wrap your working yarn around that slipped stitch (just like a yarn over), bringing the yarn back to the front and purling (or brioche purling) the next stitch.

Helpful Hints & Reminders

- ◆ In brioche, the slipped stitch and it's yarnover are ALWAYS counted as one stitch. They love each other - don't break them up!
- ◆ Brioche is always worked on a circular needle.
- ◆ In brioche, the yarn is always held to the front before slipping a stitch.
- ◆ When performing a "sl1yo", always slip the stitch purlwise.
- ◆ In two color brioche, each row is worked twice, once with color A or MC, then slid back down, and worked again with color B or CC.
- ◆ Is something looking funky?? Take a peek on both sides of your work. Did one of your slipped stitches lose their yarnover shawl?

- ◆ When working two color brioche, if you forget what color you are suppose to be working, just peek at your yarnovers. Whichever color they are, is the last color you used! If you are at the end of a row, you will now use the other color.
- ◆ Brioche worked flat needs an odd number of stitches.
- ◆ Brioche worked in the round needs an even number of stitches.
- ◆ When working two color brioche, make sure to drop your CC yarn to the front on a brioche purl (brp) row and to the back on a brioche knit (brk) row so that it is in the appropriate place when you need it on the following row!

Brioche Increases

Because they come in pairs you must also increase in pairs...

- ◆ **brkyobr** - Brioche knit the stitch, but do not drop the stitch from your needle, bring the yarn forward for a yarn over, and then brioche knit again into the same stitch. 2 stitches increased.
- ◆ **brk4st inc** - This is very similar to the BRKYOBRK, you just repeat the 2nd part again. Brioche knit the stitch, but do not drop the stitch from your needle, *bring the yarn forward for a yarn over, and then brioche knit again into the same stitch; repeat from the * once more. 4 stitches increased.
- ◆ You can now apply this increase as many times as you would like - why not try a brk6st inc? 8?

Brioche Decreases

And just as you must increase in pairs, you must also decrease in pairs...

- ◆ **brkLsl dec** - You will utilize the next 3 stitches on your left hand needle for this decrease. Slip the first stitch *knitwise*, brioche knit the next 2 stitches together, pass the slipped stitch over. 2 stitches decreased.
- ◆ **brkRsl dec** - You will utilize the next 3 stitches on your left hand needle for this decrease. Slip the first stitch *knitwise*, knit the second stitch, slip the first stitch over the second stitch. Pass the second stitch back to the left hand needle and slip the third stitch over the second stitch. Place the second stitch back on the right hand needle. 2 stitches decreased.
- ◆ **brk4st dec** - You will utilize the next 5 stitches on your left hand needle for this decrease, which will decrease out 4 of these stitches by the end. For ease of explaining, let's label these next 5 stitches **1, 2, 3, 4, 5** (starting at the stitch closest to the tip of your needle).
 - Step 1.* Slip **stitch 1** knitwise to the right hand needle.
 - Step 2.* Slip **stitch 2** knitwise to the right hand needle.
 - Step 3.* Slip **stitch 3** to a removable stitch marker and hang it to the front of your work.
 - Step 4.* Knit **stitch 4**. (We will still refer to this stitch that is now on the right hand needle as **stitch 4**.)
 - Step 5.* Pass **stitch 2** over **stitch 4**. **Stitch 4** remains on the needle.
 - Step 6.* Slip **stitch 4** back to the left hand needle, pass **stitch 5** over **stitch 4**. **Stitch 4** remains on the needle.
 - Step 7.* Slip **stitch 4** back to the right hand needle, pass **stitch 1** over **stitch 4**.
 - Step 8.* Take **stitch 3** from the removable stitch marker and place it back on the left hand needle. Slip **stitch 4** over to the left hand needle. Pass **stitch 3** over **stitch 4**.Voila! 4 stitches decreased.

Practice Swatch

Materials: 2 contrasting colors of smooth worsted weight yarn
Size US 7/4.5mm

Cast on 15 stitches in MC using the Twisted German Cast On.

Setup Row 1A (RS): K1, *sl1yo, k1; repeat from * to the end of the row. DO NOT TURN. Slide your stitches back to the beginning.

Setup Row 1B (RS): Sl st, join CC, *brp1, sl1yo; repeat from * to the last 2 sts, brp1, drop CC to the front of your work, sl st. Turn.

Setup Row 2A (WS): Using MC, p1, *sl1yo, brp1; repeat from * to the last 2 sts, sl1yo, p1. Slide your stitches back to the beginning.

Setup Row 2B (WS): Sl st, using CC, *brk1, sl1yo; repeat from * to the last 2 sts, brk1, drop CC to the back of your work, sl st. Turn.

Row 1A: Using MC, k1, *sl1yo, brk1; repeat from * to the last 2 sts, sl1yo, k1. Do not turn. Slide your stitches back to the beginning.

Row 1B: Sl st, using CC, *brp1, sl1yo; repeat from * to the last 2 sts, brp1, drop CC to the front of your work, sl st. Turn.

Row 2A: Using MC, p1, *sl1yo, brp1; repeat from * to the last 2 sts, sl1yo, p1. Slide your stitches back to the beginning.

Row 2B: Sl st, using CC, *brk1, sl1yo; repeat from * to the last 2 sts, brk1, drop CC to the back of your work, sl st. Turn.

Repeat [Rows 1A/B and 2A/B] 4 more times.

Next Row A (Inc/RS): Using MC, k1, sl1yo, brkyobrk, sl1yo, brk1, sl1yo, brk4st inc, sl1yo, brk1, sl1yo, bkryobrk, sl1yo, brk1, sl1yo, k1. Slide your stitches back to the beginning. [8 sts inc'd]

Next Row B (RS): Sl st, using CC, brp1, sl1yo, p1, {sl1yo, brp1} twice, {sl1yo, p1} twice, {sl1yo, brp1} twice, sl1yo, p1, {sl1yo, brp1} twice, drop CC to the front of your work, sl st. Turn.

Repeat Row 2A/B.

Repeat [Rows 1A/B and 2A/B] twice more.

Next Row A (Dec/RS): Using MC, k1, sl1yo, brkRsl dec, sl1yo, brk1, sl1yo, brk4st dec, sl1yo, brk1, sl1yo, brkLsl dec, sl1yo, brk1, sl1yo, k1. Slide your stitches back to the beginning. [8 sts dec'd]

Next Row B (RS): Sl st, using CC, *brp1, sl1yo; repeat from * to the last 2 sts, brp1, drop CC to the front of your work, sl st. Turn.

Repeat Row 2A/B.

Continue repeating Rows 1A/B and 2A/B until your desired length. Break CC and bind off with MC using Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off.

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