

# BriLicious



**T**his cozy cowl is made in the fluffy brioche stitch, a slipped-stitch technique that adds texture and depth to fabric. I like to teach my students to learn brioche by working two colors, in the round, as I think that's the easiest way to learn this type of knitting.

Many of them work this pattern as their first foray into brioche. If this is yours, I hope you enjoy your brioche adventures!

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**Difficulty Level:** Intermediate

**Techniques:** Brioche Knit (BRK), Brioche Purl (BRP)

**Yarn:** Worsted weight yarn, 200 yards in each of two highly contrasting colors. (400 yards total)

**Needles:** US size 6 (4mm) 16" circular needles, or size to obtain gauge. Brioche knitting is often knit with a needle one size smaller than you would use to knit the same yarn in stockinette

**Notions:** Stitch marker, tapestry needle, scissors

**Gauge:** 17 stitches and 19 rows to 4"/10 cm in brioche stitch

**Size/Finished Measurements:** One size, to fit most adults. 22" (56 cm) circumference, 7.5" (19 cm) tall. Adaptations are given in the pattern to increase the height or make an infinity scarf.

## Abbreviations:

**K:** Knit

**P:** Purl

**DC:** Dark Color

**LC:** Light Color

**Sl1YO:** Slip the next stitch purlwise, yarnover  
Following a K or BRK: bring the working yarn to the front between the needles, slip the next stitch purlwise, bring the yarn over the needle and the slipped stitch) to the back, ready to work the next stitch.

Following a P or BRP: leaving working yarn in front, slip the next stitch purlwise, then bring the yarn over the needle and the slipped stitch to the back, then between the needles to the front, ready to work the next stitch.

**BRK:** Brioche Knit - Knit the stitch together with its associated YO.

**BRP:** Brioche Purl - Purl the stitch together with its associated YO.

## Pattern Notes:

This pattern is sized to the length of cowl I prefer to wear, but as you've probably already surmised, it's actually a "knit until you're sick of it" pattern. That means if you want a very tall cowl that will squish over itself, keep on knitting. If you are tired of knitting sooner, bind off and call it a mini-cowl.

I prefer my cowls to sit close to the neck. If you want a looser fit and more fabric to play around with, I suggest casting on 120 stitches.

If you want a cowl that will double around your neck or to have the option to pull one loop up to cover your head, I suggest casting on 200 stitches.

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## Pattern:

Using long-tail cast-on, loosely CO 90 stitches with darker yarn (DC). Join to work in the round and place marker.

Round 1: With DC, knit one round.

Round 2: With DC, work next round \*K1, P1\*, repeat to end of round.

Join lighter yarn (LC) and work two setup rounds:

Brioche (Setup) Round 1: With LC, \*K1, S11YO\*; repeat to end of round.

Brioche (Setup) Round 2: With DC, \* S11YO, BRP\*; repeat to end of round.

Brioche Round 3 and all remaining odd-numbered brioche rows: With LC, \*BK1, S11YO \*; repeat to end of round.

Brioche Round 4 and all remaining even-numbered brioche rows: With DC, \* S11YO, BRP\*; repeat to end of round.

Repeat Brioche Rounds 3 and 4 until the cowl measures 7 1/2 " or until you are happy with the height of your cowl or approaching the end of your yarn.

With DC, work next round K1, P1

With DC, knit two rounds.

With DC, Bind off loosely.

## Finishing:

Weave in ends, bringing each color down a like-color receding column.

Block very gently by patting into a shape that is not extended or stretched. You want the cowl to hold its bouncy, textured shape.



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