



# BIG BEAUTIFUL BRIOCHE COWL

Simple brioche stitch cowl for beginning knitters  
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## *About This Design*



This bold, colorful cowl is a great way for beginners to learn two-color brioche and a perfect project for super bulky yarn. The cowl begins with a crochet cast on, which is very stretchy. Next, a set up round is worked, and then two-color brioche stitch begins. The cowl is worked in the round until the desired length is reached.



There is a set up round before the bind off, then a simple slip stitch bind off completes the project. Big Beautiful Brioche Cowl uses almost all of 2 skeins of Malabrigo Rasta, which is a great choice for this project, but other super bulky yarns will also work wonderfully. Big Beautiful Brioche cowl works up quickly and makes a great gift!



### SKILL LEVEL



Easy

### PATTERN VERSION

1.0

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## *Components*

### MATERIALS



2 skeins of Malabrigo Rasta in 2 different colors, or 2 colors of super bulky single ply yarn, approximately 90 yards/82 m needed in each color  
Cowl pictured in the colors “Unicorn Bark” and “Fluo”

### GAUGE



7 st x 22 rounds = 4 inches x 4 inches/10 cm x 10 cm

### NEEDLES



US 15/10.00 mm/UK 000 16 inches/40 cm circular needles

### TOOLS



Stitch marker  
Tapestry needle with a large eye, for weaving in ends  
Scissors to clip yarn tails

### FINISHED DIMENSIONS



14 inches/ 36 cm wide at the bind off edge  
17 inches/ 44 cm wide at the cast on edge  
10 inches/ 26 cm long

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### *Abbreviations*

**Sl 1 wyif** - Slip one stitch purlwise with the working yarn in front of the work. When the next stitch is worked, the working yarn is brought over the needle and a yarn over is created. The **Sl 1 wyif** is what creates the yarn over/slipped stitch unit.

**BRK** - Knit a yarn over/slipped stitch unit as you would knit one stitch.

**BRP** - Purl a yarn over/slipped stitch unit as you would purl one stitch.

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## *Directions*

**Color A:** Fluo

**Color B:** Unicorn Bark

Using color A, cast on 52 stitches using a crochet cast on.

*Explanation: The crochet cast on gives the edge extra stretch so that it will fall nicely around the neck and shoulders. Also, the crochet cast on matches the bind off. If you would prefer a firmer edge, you can use the cast on of your choice. Join in the round; take care not to twist the stitches.*

*Place a marker at the beginning of the round.*

**Set up row** - Using Color B, \*Sl 1 wyif, P1; repeat from \* to the end of the round.

*Explanation: Slip the stitch with the working yarn in front. Bring the working yarn over the needle towards the back, then bring it to the front again and purl the next stitch. This creates a yarn over that lays over the slipped stitch. This yarn over/slipped stitch unit is considered one stitch. After working the last purl, let the Color B yarn lay at the front of the work.*

**Round 1:** With Color A: \*BRK 1, sl 1 wyif ; repeat from \* to the end of the round.

*Explanation: The first stitch of the round is a yarn over/slipped stitch unit. Working with Color A, knit the unit as you would knit one stitch. This is called a "Brioche Knit" also abbreviated as BRK. Next, bring the working yarn to the front, slip the next stitch, and bring the working yarn over the needle to the back. Now BRK the next stitch (which is a yarn over/slip stitch unit). Continue like this to the end of the row. When slipping the last stitch, let the Color A yarn lay over the needle to the back of the work, like a yarn over.*

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**Round 2:** With Color B: \*sl 1 wyif , BRP 1; repeat from \* to the end of the round.

*Explanation: The first stitch is slipped with the working yarn, which is Color B,d in front.*

*Next, bring the working yarn over the needle to the back, around the needle to the front*

*and purl the yarn over/slipped stitch unit as you would purl one stitch. This is called*

*a “Brioche Purl” and is abbreviated as BRP. When you come to the last stitch of the round,*

*which will be a BRP, be sure to catch Color A that is laying over the last stitch like a yarn over*

*(to make the yarn over/slip stitch unit). After working the last stitch (a BRP), let the Color B yarn*

*lay to the front of the work.*

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 for the pattern.

Work until cowl is ½ inch/12 mm less than the desired length, ending with a Round 1.

*Explanation: I made my cowl 10 inches/26 cm long, so I stopped at 9 ½ inches/24 cm. You can make your cowl as long as you'd like.*

Set up row for bind off - Using Color A: \*K1, BRP 1; repeat from \* to the end of the round.

*Explanation: Using Color A, simply knit the single stitches, do not BRK. This sets up the stitches for the bind off.*

Bind off using Color B: K1, P1; pass the first stitch over the second. Bind off this way in pattern.

Lightly block as desired.

Weave in the ends, and your new cowl is ready to wear!