**Two-Color Brioche Rib Hat**

by Mary Beth Kelso

**Sizes & Measurements**

XS [baby] (S [child], M, L)

Circumference: 14.25 (16, 17.75, 19.5)”/35.5 (40, 44.5, 49) cm

Length: 6.5 (7.5, 8.5, 9)”/16.5 (19, 21.5, 22.5) cm *+ 2-3” for folded brim if desired.*

**Gauge**

18 sts x 50 rnds = 4”/10 cm in Brioche Rib

*Brioche is very stretchy so gauge is approximate. Recommended negative ease of 2-3”/5-7.5 cm*

**Yarn**

2 balls/skeins, or approx. 150 (175, 200, 225) yds total, DK weight yarn in two contrasting colors

*If not making with a folded brim, less yarn will be needed.*

**Needles & Notions**

US 6/4mm needles

* Straight for cast on and set-up row
* 16” circular for body of hat
* DPNs (or second circular or longer circular for magic loop if preferred) for working crown decreases

4 stitch markers, including 1 unique for beginning of round

Tapestry needle

**Abbreviations**

BOR beginning of round

brk Brioche knit – knit the stitch together with its paired yarn over from previous row

brp Brioche purl – purl the stitch together with its paired yarn over from previous row

brk3tog Brioche k3tog (right-leaning double decrease) – knit 3 stitches together, including their paired yarn overs

brsssk Brioche sssk (left-leaning double decrease) – slip the next 3 stitches knitwise one at a time, with their yarn overs, to right needle; insert left needle into all 3 stitches and knit together through the back loops

brcdd Brioche centered double decrease – slip next 2 stitches, with their yarn overs, as if to knit 2 together; knit the next stitch; pass slipped stitches over

CC contrast color

CO cast on

cont continue/continuing

dec decrease

MC main color

patt pattern

pm place marker

rep repeat

rnd round

sl slip

sl1yo slip 1, yarn over – (on brk row) bring yarn to front of work, slip 1 purlwise, bring yarn over needle to work next stitch; (on brp row) bring yarn forward, slip stitch purlwise, bring yarn over needle and back around to front to work next stitch. This puts a paired yarn over on top of your slipped stitch.

sm slip marker

st(s) stitch(es)

wyif with yarn in front

**Special techniques**

**Tubular Cast On** involves working a cast-on row and two Foundation Rows (FR 1 & 2).

**FR 1:** \*k1, sl 1 wyif; rep from \* to end. Turn work.

**FR 2 (work onto circular needle):** \*k1, sl 1 wyif; rep from \* to end. Do not turn.

**Notes**

* Hat is nearly reversible but the crown pattern looks a bit neater in the main color, so consider that when choosing the contrast color for your cast on.
* It begins with a Tubular Cast-On and set-up row in the contrast color on a straight needle.
* Body is worked in Two-Color Brioche Rib, with symmetrical decreases for the crown.
* The sl1yo creates a stitch with a yarn over on top of it. The slipped stitch and yarn over are treated as a single stitch.

**Instructions**

**Cast on & set-up –**

With CC and straight needle, **CO 64 (72, 80, 88) sts** using the Tubular Cast On. Turn work.

Work the two foundation rows, changing to the circular needle for FR 2.

Place marker for BOR and join, being careful not to twist your stitches.

Work one round of (k1, p1) rib.

**Set-up Round:** \*sl1yo, p1; rep from \* around, leaving CC in front at end of round.

**Body –**

**Rnd 1 (brk rnd):** With MC, \*brk, sl1yo; rep from \* to end, leaving MC in back at end of round.

**Rnd 2 (brp rnd):** With CC, \*sl1yo, brp; rep from \* to end, being sure to work last st with its paired yo, and leaving CC in front at end of round.

*Note for reassurance: Rnd 1 ends with a sl1yo and Rnd 2 begins with a sl1yo; Rnd 2 ends with a brp and Rnd 1 begins with a brk.*

Rep Rnds 1 & 2 until work measures 4.5 (5.25, 5.75, 6.25)”/11.5 (13, 14.5, 15.5) cm, *or add* *2-3”/5-7.5 cm to these length measurements for a folded brim,* ending with Rnd 1.

*Note: Check round gauge as you approach this point to see if you need to knit more or less. Crown shaping will take 24 (27, 34, 33) rounds, including the set-up round.*

**Crown –**

*Change to DPNs or preferred method for small-circumference knitting when needed.*

**Set-up rnd:** Cont in patt on a brp rnd, \*work 16 (18, 20, 22) sts, pm; rep from \* 2 more times, work to end.

Work decreases from chart for your size or from written instructions below.

**Dec rnd:** \*brk, sl1yo, brsssk, work in patt to 4 sts before marker, brk3tog, sl1yo, sm; rep from \* to end. *16 sts dec; 48 (56, 64, 72) sts*

Cont in patt, working a dec rnd every 10 rnds 1 (2, 2, 2) more time(s). *32 (24, 32, 40) sts*

**Size L ONLY:**

Work 5 more rnds in patt, then work Dec rnd once more. *32 (24, 32, 24) sts*

**All sizes:**

Work Rnd 2, then work Rnds 1 & 2 of patt 4 (1, 4, 1) more time(s), removing all but BOR marker on last rnd.

Cut CC and work with MC from here to end.

Remove BOR marker, slip last st back to left needle, replace marker.

**Next rnd:** \*brcdd, (brk, sl1yo) 2 (1, 2, 1) times, brk; rep from \* to end. *24 (16, 24, 16) sts*

**Sizes XS & M ONLY:**

**Next rnd:** \*k1, ssk, k1, k2tog; rep from \* to end. *16 sts*

**Next rnd:** k2tog around. *8 sts*

**Sizes S & L ONLY:**

**Next rnd:** \*k2, k2tog; rep from \* to end. *12 sts*

Cut yarn, leaving a 10”/30 cm tail. Feed tail through remaining sts and cinch. Cont feeding tail around the circle through the same sts another 2-3 times, then feed to the inside. Weave in ends invisibly along columns of sts in matching color.

