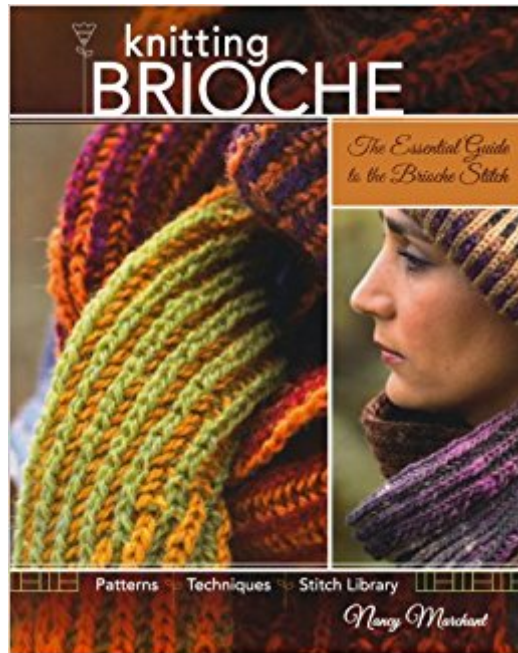




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# Knitting Brioche: The Essential Guide To The Brioche Stitch



## Synopsis

Hungry for new knitting techniques? Try knitting brioche! Knitting Brioche is the first and only knitting book devoted exclusively to brioche stitch, a knitting technique that creates a double-sided fabric. This complete guide will take you from your first brioche stitches to your first (or hundredth) project, and even to designing with brioche stitch, if you desire. Whether you're new to brioche knitting or experienced at "brioching," author Nancy Marchant provides the information and inspiration you need. Inside Knitting Brioche, you'll find: Detailed instructions and step-by-step photos that will guide you through all of the techniques you'll need for brioche knitting. A stitch dictionary including 60 beautiful stitch patterns with many multicolor options. 25 patterns for garments and accessories, all made with brioche stitches, some combined with other design elements including cables, lace, intarsia and more! Grab your needles and yarn and take a bite out of brioche knitting.

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## Customer Reviews

Nancy Marchant first discovered the brioche stitch when she moved to the Netherlands in 1976. She became fascinated with brioche knitting and wrote about it in Vogue Knitting Magazine, as well as in a number of other knitting magazines. She maintains a Web site on the subject at [www.briochestitch.com](http://www.briochestitch.com) and teaches brioche knitting both locally and at large yarn shows.

Hats off to Nancy Marchant. She has written an excellent book. The directions and illustrations are very clear and easy to follow. There are more pages devoted to brioche stitch techniques than patterns, which is what a book about the brioche stitch needs. The patterns include cardigans, pullovers and vest for men and women, scarves, hats, snoods, and various odd items like boot cuffs,

and wristlets. I can't wait to see other people finish some of these items and post better pictures on Ravelry. That is my only gripe with this book... I wish there were more pictures of the finished projects in this book. The pictures are adequate, but not inspiring. Only because I've done brioche patterns before, do I know that in person these projects are probably more amazing than the photo shows.

If you are new to Brioche knitting, then this book is a must. It describes the variety of basic stitches and gives tips on how to handle mistakes and shaping. Brioche knitting is different than normal knitting so this book really explains what to do well with beautiful examples of the different stitches as well as patterns. Uses the tried & true Japanese chart symbols. Nancy Marchant is a leader in Brioche knitting. I'm learning so much and the book is well written.

I am new to this knitting technique -- also left-handed -- so I ordered this book after realizing YouTube instructional videos would not suffice for me. The book is just filled with color photos of every step for both one- and two-colored Brioche knitting and, to my surprise, included a stitch dictionary! I have had to downsize considerably on my knitting books to make room for baby stuff so I am very satisfied that this text includes the theory, stitches, and patterns for all knitter levels. This is a lovely addition to my knitting library and hopefully yours, too!

Made it to the "bind off" section. There is ONE bindoff given. ONE. Italian bindoff. And the explanation does NOT match the pictures!! 1: says insert tapestry needle into the first selvedge stitch purlwise, then into the first purl column (what's a purl COLUMN??) stitch knitwise. The picture shows the needle going into the selvege stitch AND the first stitch purlwise thorough the back loop. And THAT is just the first step of the instructions. BACK to YouTube I go, to figure this thing out!

This book is a must, especially if you've never attempted brioche before. I lent it to a friend who had knit several brioche pieces and she found it so helpful that she ordered one for herself.

I am a fairly advanced knitter. I can do intarsia and fair aisle knitting and have designed my own patterns. I wanted a challenge, and thought that learning brioche ("double knit") would be one. The photos of the projects in the book look great. Understanding how to do them, however, is difficult at best. This book needs videos to accompany how to do the stitch, because the instructive pictures alone aren't enough. I've ended up trawling YouTube to find videos that show how this stitching is

done. It's not because the author doesn't try hard; it's because the nature of this knitting requires a video to see how to do it. Once I get the technique down (I see a lot of scarves in my near future), the advanced projects in the book will be great to show me how to make entire garments. The bottom line: it's tough to actually figure out how to do brioche with this book, but once you've got it, this book will be useful for complete projects.

This gives a double side effect in knitting. There are projects ranging from simple to complex. I am happy and will order from these people again.

This book was the most wonderful tutorial on brioche I've ever encountered. I had to approach it like a text book; one lesson a day, working my way through the instructions for each nuance of the stitch. Taking it slowly like that, I learned a great deal and I feel I've been given tools to do some designing on my own. I especially like the attention to real design issues -- line, form, shape, merging colors and patterns. The section on brioche gauge and the way the fabric behaves as compared to other kinds of knit stitches was also tremendously helpful. The only issue that wasn't quite clear -- but which is clarified in project instructions -- was working in the round. I didn't find I actually needed help with this once I'd gone through all the other instructions, but a friend picking up the book and "diving in" was a little lost. I don't recommend diving in that way; you do really have to read it and it's worth the read. I've poured over it repeatedly and haven't been disappointed; it's a thorough, well-designed book that clearly explains a complicated subject. Every determined knitter needs it on their reference shelf.

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