

CÓRDOBA



Both architectural & simple, this brioche cowl uses two colors of bulky yarn to knit a quick cowl for the coming winter. After designing, it reminded me of the beautiful arches inside Mezquita de Córdoba, a mosque-turned-cathedral in Spain, and the cowl's namesake!

Córdoba is perfect for brioche beginners to get comfortable knitting two-color brioche. Halfway through, it transitions into the arch pattern, formed by the brioche method of increasing & decreasing.

There are two widths & heights included:

Version A (narrower) uses Quince & Co Puffin, a stiffer American wool, naturally dyed by A Verb for Keeping Warm.

Version B (wider) uses Madelinetosh A.S.A.P., a drapery merino, and is meant to be doubled around your neck. This cowl is also shorter in height than Version A.



CÓRDOBA COWL

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Two cowl sizes: A[B]

Yarn: Version A - narrow with taller height

- 2 skeins AVFKW x Quince & Co Puffin, naturally dyed by A Verb for Keeping Warm, each 112 yards / 100g

Sample used 86 yards of Indigo Medium (MC) and 76 yards of Cutch Light (CC)

Blocked measurements: 7" tall x 32" circumference / 17.75cm x 81.25cm circumference

Yarn: Version B - wide with shorter height

- 2 skeins Madelinetosh A.S.A.P., each 90 yards / 100g

Sample used all 90 yards of Neon Red (MC) and 76 yards Pink Clay (CC).

Blocked measurements: 5.75" tall x 56" circumference / 14.6cm x 142.25cm circumference



Version A

Notions:

- For Version A only: US 10.5 / 6.5mm circular needle, sized 24-28" / 60-70cm
- For Version B only: US 10.5 / 6.5mm circular needle, sized 36-40" / 90-100cm
- ALL sizes: one US 11 / 8mm double pointed needle (*used only for cast-on and bind-off*), or an 8mm crochet hook if you prefer that to using a DPN
- 1 stitch marker
- Tapestry Needle (for weaving in ends)

Gauge:

In brioche, gauge can be variable due to the extreme stretchiness of the stitches. With a cowl, the gauge is not so critical! If you are tight on yarn, especially if making Version B, I would not recommend using your colors for swatching – or you may run out of yarn :(

Unstretched: 8 sts x 15 rows = 4" / 10cm using US 10.5 / 6.5mm needle.

Stretched: 5 sts x 19 rows = 4" / 10cm using US 10.5 / 6.5mm needle.



Version B

Abbreviations

Note: In brioche, only half of the stitches are worked in a row at a time, so each row is actually worked TWICE to achieve one full row. If you need to count rows, only count the raised MC knit stitch columns.

MC: *main color.* The raised color on the front side of work

CC: *contrast color.* The recessed color on the front side of the work, which is also the raised color on the back side of work!

YO: *yarn over.* Pull yarn forward under right needle, then pull yarn over needle to back

Brk: *brioche knit.* Knit 1 stitch (that was slipped in the previous row) with its YO wrap

Brp: *brioche purl.* Purl 1 stitch (that was slipped in the previous row) with its YO wrap

sl1yo (following k or brk): *slip 1 yarn over.* First, bring yarn to the front of the work, slip the next stitch purlwise, then pull the working yarn over the right needle to back. The YO wraps around the slipped stitch, and are considered 1 stitch.

sl1yo (following p or brp): *slip 1 yarn over.* Working yarn is already in front. Slip the next stitch purlwise, then pull the yarn over the needle to the back and around right needle tip into position to purl the following stitch. The YO wraps around the slipped stitch, and together are considered 1 stitch.

brkyobr: *2-stitch increase from one stitch.* Brioche knit 1, but leave stitch on the left needle, yarn over, then knit into same stitch.

brLsl dec: *left-slanting 2-stitch decrease.* Slip the first stitch knitwise (with YO), brioche knit the following two stitches together, then pass the slipped stitch over.

brRsl dec: *right-slanting 2-stitch decrease.* Slip the first stitch knitwise (with YO), knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch & YO over the knitted stitch as if to bind off, then move stitch back to left needle. Pass the left stitch (with YO) over the right stitch, then move resulting stitch to the right needle.

sl1wyib: slip 1 purl-wise with yarn in back

Córdoba cowl pattern

Cast on A[B]

I used the Chinese Waitress cast-on to make a reversible stretchy edge –but if you prefer, you can also use a crochet cast-on. (Check out the Very Pink Knits YouTube tutorial for learning Chinese Waitress: <http://youtu.be/uAVRXKKjwto>)

Using MC, cast on 72[108] stitches onto your US 10.5 / 6.5mm circular, *but using your 11 / 8mm DPN as your right hand needle.* Using this DPN ensures that your edge will be as stretchy as the brioche.

After casting on, you no longer need the DPN until bind-off. Join in the round, and place a marker to denote beginning of round.

Begin 2-color brioche

Setup row 1 MC: (sl1yo, k) to the end of round.

Setup row 1 CC: (brp, sl1yo) to the end of round.

Row 2 MC: (sl1yo, brk) to the end of round.

Row 2 CC: (brp, sl1yo) to the end of round.

Repeat both MC & CC row 2 until cowl is 4"[3"] / 10cm[7.6cm] tall, measured from cast-on edge.



Begin patterned brioche

Row 3 MC: *(sl1yo, brk) 3 times, sl1yo, brkyobrk, sl1yo, brk, sl1yo, brRdec, (sl1yo, brk) 2 times.* Repeat in between ** 3[5] more times to end of round.

Row 3 CC: (brp, sl1yo) 4 times, *p1, sl1yo,(brp, sl1yo) 8 times*. Repeat in between ** 2[4] more times, then p1, sl1yo, [brp, sl1yo] 4 times.

Row 4 MC: (sl1yo, brk) to the end of round.

Row 4 CC: (brp, sl1yo) to the end of round.

Row 5 MC: *(sl1yo, brk) 5 times, sl1yo, brLdec, sl1yo, brk, sl1yo, brkyobrk.* Repeat in between ** 3[5] more times to end of round.

Row 5 CC: *(brp, sl1yo) 8 times, p1, sl1yo.* Repeat in between ** 3[5] more times to end of round.

Row 6 MC: (sl1yo, brk) to the end of round.

Row 6 CC: (brp, sl1yo) to the end of round.

Repeat rows 3-6 once.

Small size only:

Repeat rows 3-4 once more.

Row 7 MC: *(sl1yo, brk) 5 times, sl1yo, brLdec, sl1yo, brk, sl1yo, brkyobrk.* Repeat in between ** 3 more times to end of round.

Row 7 CC: *(brp, sl1wyib) 8 times, p1, sl1wyib.* Repeat in between ** 3 more times to end of round.

Skip to bind off directions below.

Large size only:

Row 7 MC: *(sl1yo, brk) 3 times, sl1yo, brkyobrk, sl1yo, brk, sl1yo, brRdec, (sl1yo, brk) 2 times.* Repeat in between ** 3[5] more times to end of round.

Row 7 CC: (brp, sl1wyib) 4 times, *p1, sl1yo, (brp, sl1wyib) 8 times*. Repeat between ** 4 more times, then p1, sl1wyib, (brp, sl1wyib) 4 times.

Bind off

Using your size 11 / 8mm DPN, bind off using double chain bind-off, making a reversible edge! (Check out the YouTube bind-off tutorial from Ann Kingstone: <https://youtu.be/Ns30iCTkNFg>)

Finish by weaving in ends, then block. Soak in tepid water for 30 minutes, then lay cowl flat in a towel. Roll the towel into a tube, then lightly step on the tube to remove excess water. Lay your cowl flat to dry, and pin to the dimensions provided to straighten the pattern.

