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### **ENCORE MEGA Brioche Lap Afghan**



Approximate Finished Dimensions: 36 1/2" wide x 48" long

#### **Materials:**

Encore Mega: 5—100g balls EACH of two colors, we used color 217 Black (MC) and 256 Cream (CC) Gauge: 6 sts, 18 rows= 4" in <u>Brioche Stitch</u> on US Size 15 (10mm) knitting needle. Needles/Notions: US Size 15 (10mm) 40" circular knitting needle.

ABBREVATIONS: beg= begin(ning), BO= bind off, CC= contract color, CO= cast on, k = knit, k2tog= knit two sts together, m= marker, MC= main color, mm= millimeter, p = purl, p2tog= purl two stitches together, rep= repeat, RS- right side, sl= slip, st(s) = stitch(es), tog= together, WS= wrong side, wyib= with yarn in back, wyif= with yarn in front

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A circular needle is used to work the 2 color brioche stitch. You will not be working in the round.

When working the Brioche gauge swatch, start with 1x1 rib for a couple rows before working in the brioche stitch. After binding off, steam the swatch lightly (not heavily). Each knit stitch that you see counts as 2 rows.

### **Special Abbreviation**

SI 1 yo= lay the yarn under the needle to the front of the work, sl the next st purlwise, then lay the yarn back over the top of the needle and over the sl st to the back.

### Begin

Holding 2 needle ends tog and MC, long-tail CO 55 sts. After all sts are CO, slide one needle end out from the CO sts (so the cast on looks like a normal CO with one needle tip.) This will create a loose CO. <u>Row 1 (WS):</u> K1, \*p1, k1; rep from \* across.

### Brioche Stitch

Setup Row 1 (RS): MC: P1, \*sl 1 yo, p1; rep from \*, end sl 1 yo, p1. Do not turn. Slide the sts to the opposite end of the needle.

<u>Setup Row 2 (RS)</u>: CC: SI 1 wyib, \*k2tog, **sl 1 yo**; rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2tog, sl 1 wyib. Turn work.

Row 1 (WS): MC: K1, \*sl 1 yo, k2tog; rep from \*, to last 2 sts, sl 1 yo, k1. Do not turn. Slide the sts to the opposite end of the needle.

Row 2 (WS): CC: Sl 1 wyif, \*p2tog, sl 1 yo; rep from \* to last 2 sts, p2tog, sl 1 wyif. Turn work.

Row 3 (RS): MC: P1, \*sl 1 yo, p2tog; rep from \* to last 2 sts, sl 1 yo, p1. Do not turn. Slide the sts to the opposite end of the needle.

Row 4 (RS): CC: Sl 1 wyib, \*k2tog, sl 1 yo; rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2tog, sl 1 wyib. Turn work.

Rep rows 1-4 until afghan measures 48" from CO edge. BO all sts in MC on next row loosely as follows: <u>Next Row:</u> P1, \*p1, k2tog; rep from \* around. Weave in all ends.

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