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# F&W Media Interweave Press, Brioche Chic



## **Synopsis**

F&W Media-Interweave Press: Brioche Chic. A modern take on brioche stitch with gorgeous wearable garments and accessories that knitters will love. Knitters will create striking color work and beautiful faux cable designs with Brioche Chic. This book contains a solid introduction to brioche and a collection of twenty-two garments and accessories for women and men. Starts with basic brioche in the first section and moves onto more complex designs. Author: Mercedes Tarasovich-Clark. Softcover; 152 pages. Published Year: 2014. ISBN 978-1-62033-442-3. Imported.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

"Well, let me tell you, this book leaves you fearless when it comes to the ever-so-intimating Brioche stitch." --Dishcloth Diva Knits On "Brioche Chic isn't just a pattern book. It's a book that takes you from A to Z in the fascinating technique of brioche knitting. Mercedes Tarasovich-Clark covers basic brioche stitches, preferred cast-on and bind-off methods, increases and decreases in brioche, reading brioche charts, 2 color brioche knitting, and brioche cables. This is a book that can really walk you through a new technique from absolute beginner to advanced-level work." --Poetry in Yarn "Brioche can be a complex subject, and Mercedes breaks down the process of creating lovely

one and two-colored brioche in simple, easier to comprehend bits. The book itself is bright, light and cheerful--which would make it a terrific gift for a knitter on your list who is ready to move into a new technique--with very clear illustrations, many charts (love that!) and excellent photography of the garments and details." --Mode Knit" *Brioche Chic* is a beautiful collection of brioche stitch knitting patterns and instructions." --Ewe Ewe" As you will find in all good technique-based knitting books, the first chapter focuses on understanding terms and techniques. Excellent line drawings demonstrate the yarn and stitch manipulations while close-up photos provide examples of finished fabrics utilizing the specified techniques." --Two Sides Two Points" This book is a great go-to if you're new to brioche knitting, but the patterns are unusual and pretty enough that even if you're comfortable with the basics already you'll want to check this book out. Once you start working with these cool techniques and patterns you just might be hooked, too." --Knitting.About.com" I have experience knitting basic brioche, but hadn't thought it was really possible to use the technique for anything other than scarves until this book." --Little Acorn Creations" I LOVE this book. First, it breaks brioche down into very simple steps--much like how I teach it. And second, it doesn't bombard you with unneeded information. Those who have taken my class can attest for my dislike of frivolous-information-bombardment." --Digital Nabi" First I feel the need to discuss just how easy this book makes brioche knitting. Brioche Chic taught me how to brioche knit in 20 minutes." --Unapologetic Knitter" This book will help you take the brioche stitch to the next level, where you cable brioche, make traveling stitches with brioche, knit two colors with brioche, and sometimes use those techniques together." --My Central Jersey's "In Stitches" Column

Mercedes Tarasovich-Clark is a knitwear designer, writer, and teacher based in Birmingham, Alabama, known for stylish and feminine designs. She has designed for many yarn companies, books, and magazines, including Classic Elite, Malabrigo, Interweave Knits, Knitscene, Twist Collective, and Knitty.com. Interweave also released her popular instructional video/DVD, *Brioche Knitting Basics*.

While I have been a fan of Mercedes' designs from her first submission to Interweave Knits years ago. I was hesitant to purchase this book for two reasons. First because Brioche knitting requires a different set of technical skills than the standard for most knitting styles - I have had difficulty in the past with Brioche patterns that simply assumed the knitter could figure out all of the required increases and decreases without assistance. This book presents all of the technical requirements with both excellent illustrations and with clear written explanations. The patterns are laid out

progressively from simple to most complex and the new information is presented with each stage as it is needed. This further clarifies the process because you can compare the simpler designs with the more complex ones to ground yourself in what you are being asked to do. All of the sample sweaters use fairly plain yarns and are clearly photographed from front and back with no arty depth of field or random props or backgrounds obscuring the details from sight. The result is a bit Retro in effect but makes the book infinitely more usable than any number of books currently on the market. Mercedes is working from the point of view that you purchased the book to knit the projects and gives you every support needed to do that successfully. My second reservation was that I live in a warm climate and rarely wear sweaters. In this respect the book hits it with full value there are 2 short sleeve blouse/sweaters, a tank top and two cardigans. Basic adjustments to fiber choices and I'm good to go. In addition all of the "Men's" sweaters are designs likely to be worn by actual men, and there are enough excellent accessories to take care of all of my holiday knitting. Kudos to the publisher for supporting a topic that is considered intermediate and congratulations to the designer for authoring such a useful and beautifully produced book. I purchased the Kindle version and am more than happy with its layout and usability - I like this book enough that I will also purchase the hard copy for my permanent library.

I like this book and the author's great ability to describe how to do the work.

Interesting designs and well taught, enough details to understand the technique.

I am not new to knitting, indeed I have mastered several different styles over the years, but I had never tried Brioche. I wanted a book that was clear in its instruction and offered some small projects, which this book does. Although there are books with photo step by step instructions, the drawings in this book convey meaning clearly and I like the overall presentation.

Mercedes Tarasovich-Clark takes the mystery out of a new and somewhat challenging knitting technique. It's a pleasure to plumb her brain (that sounds awful, but it's the only way I can express it after only one cup of coffee). I have been knitting on and off for over 50 years and it is never too late for an old dog to learn new tricks. This book does it beautifully and then takes it to the next level of creative and interesting. Well worth the purchase price. It is something you will keep on your bookshelf for years to come as a handy reference.

Twenty two projects of fun, wearable, brioche knits! Clear instructions guide you through your first basic brioche scarf (knit flat) and first basic brioche cowl (knit in the round), and quickly get you to some hybrid knit & brioche projects (like the men's shawl collar pullover p.39 and the women's leaf-motif raglan top p.75). Then it's off to cables that will blow your mind and colorwork that really shows off the raised brioche stitch against dark contrasting colors. I'm only an intermediate knitter, but every project has charts and careful notes that make me feel that I could tackle pretty much anything in here...starting with the cute diamond-pane camisole (p.91) that begs to be worn to a Renaissance Faire. Bravo, Mercedes Tarasovich-Clark!

Love the illustrations. Looking forward to trying Brioche.

I have been so pleased with this book! The designs are lovely and the instructions are clear and easy to understand. I would recommend this book for anyone that wants to learn brioche techniques.

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