

Moebius Duet

By Liat Gat

Inspired by *Somersaulting Rim Bowl* by Cat Bordhi, published in *The Second Treasury of Magical Knitting*.



Materials

Yarn: 150 yards bulky-weight yarn in two colors (MC and CC)

Needles: One 47-inch-long circular needle US size 15, (optional) one 16-inch-long circular needle US size 15 and one set of 5 double-pointed needles size 15.

Notions: Tapestry needle, scissors

Abbreviations

CO: Cast on

BO: Bind off

KFB: Knit into front and back of st

PM: Place marker

Pictured above: Malabrigo Chunky in Violetas and Burgundy (one skein each)

Pattern Notes:

- 1) Please refer to the Special Techniques section when a ** appears in the pattern.
- 2) If you do not use the 16-inch circular needle for the body of the bowl and the DPNs for the base of the bowl, you will need to use the Magic Loop Technique for knitting in the round, and you can use the 47-inch needle that is required for the moebius brim.

Large Bowl

Rim:

With MC and using the Moebius Cast-on**, CO 80 sts.

Make 5 twists in the moebius** (this means that cable will cross cable 5 times).

PM on right-hand needle.

Round 1: Knit one round (knit until the marker reappears between your needles ON THE LEFT NEEDLE). Note: for the first half of the first round, you will need to knit the FRONT LEG of each st, whether it is the front loop or the back is irrelevant. Also, sts will be hard to slide for the first half of the first round.

Round 2: Purl one round.

Repeat rounds 1-2.

Using CC, work a 3-stitch applied I-cord** until all sts are bound off. Cut yarn, leaving a 15-inch tail. Use tail to sew ends of I-cord together.

Bowl:

Lay out moebius and arrange so that all “petals” are the same size. Using MC (and optional 16-inch circular needle), *(pick up and knit 10 sts into outermost st of I-cord**. Pick up and knit 6 sts across fold of strip). Repeat from * 5 times (80 sts). Join for working in the round. Increase round: *(K7, KFB), rep from * around (90 sts).

Knit 6 rounds.

Base:

Note: When the number of sts becomes too few to work on the 16-inch circular needle, you will have to switch to double-points or to using the magic loop technique.

*(K7, K2TOG), rep from * around (80 sts).

Knit 2 rounds.

*(K6, K2TOG), rep from * around (70 sts).

Knit 1 round.

With CC, *(K5, K2TOG), rep from * around (60 sts).

Knit 1 round.

*(K4, K2TOG), rep from * around (50 sts).

Knit 1 round.

*(K3, K2TOG), rep from * around (40 sts).

Knit 1 round.

*(K2, K2TOG), rep from * around (30 sts).

Knit 1 round.

*(K1, K2TOG), rep from * around (20 sts).

*K2TOG, repeat from * around (10 sts).

Cut yarn, leaving a 15-inch tail. Using tapestry needle, weave tail twice through remaining sts. Weave in all ends securely.

Felting: Felt bowl in washing machine until sts are no longer visible. Shape bowl with your fingers. Let dry.

Small Bowl

Rim:

With MC and using the Moebius Cast-on**, CO 50 sts.

Make 5 twists in the moebius** (this means that cable will cross cable 5 times).

PM on right-hand needle.

Round 1: Knit one round (knit until the marker reappears between your needles ON THE LEFT NEEDLE). Note: for the first half of the first round, you will need to knit the FRONT LEG of each st, whether it is the front loop or the back is irrelevant. Also, sts will be hard to slide for the first half of the first round.

Round 2: Purl one round.

Repeat rounds 1-2.

Using CC, work a 3-stitch applied I-cord** until all sts are bound off. Cut yarn, leaving a 15-inch tail. Use tail the sew ends of I-cord together.

Bowl:

Lay out moebius and arrange so that all “petals” are the same size. Using MC (and optional 16-inch circular needle), *(pick up and knit 6 sts into outermost st of I-cord**. Pick up and knit 4 sts across fold of strip). Repeat from * 5 times (50 sts). Join for working in the round. Increase round: *(K9, KFB), rep from * around (55 sts).

Knit 5 rounds.

Base:

Note: When the number of sts becomes too few to work on the 16-inch circular needle, you will have to switch to double-points or to using the magic loop technique.

*(K9, K2TOG), rep from * around (50 sts).

Knit 2 rounds.

*(K3, K2TOG), rep from * around (40 sts).

Knit 1 round.

Switch to CC.

*(K2, K2TOG), rep from * around (30 sts).

Knit 1 round.

*(K1, K2TOG), rep from * around (20 sts).

*K2TOG, repeat from * around (10 sts).

Cut yarn, leaving a 15-inch tail. Using tapestry needle, weave tail twice through remaining sts.

Weave in all ends securely.

Felting: Felt bowl in washing machine until sts are no longer visible. Shape bowl with your fingers. Let dry.

Special Techniques

Moebius Cast-on: Video instructions for Cat Bordhi's Moebius Cast-on can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVnTda7F2V4> (a YouTube video by Cat Bordhi herself!)

Making five twists in the Moebius: This is what it sounds like, but if you would like a video tutorial, I have made one for you! See <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eKqms2LIJE>

Applied I-cord: Using knitted cast-on (see below), CO 2 sts. K3. *Pass 3 sts just knitted back to LH needle. K2, K2TOG through the back loop. Rep from * until all sts are bound off.

Picking up sts in rim of bowl: Just try to do this as evenly as possible, so all the lobes of the bowl are even. See photograph below.



Knitted Cast-on: K1 without removing st from LH needle. Move loop just created on RH needle onto LH needle, twisting loop 180° clockwise.



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