

NEVER KNOT CRAFTS



CROCHET & KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS

Crochet Abbreviations

In crochet, abbreviations can vary slightly depending on region in the world, primarily US vs. UK.

Even with these differences, there are many terms and abbreviations that are similar. Over the next few pages, I will list the abbreviations I have come across while crafting

Misc. Abbreviations	
[] or ()	work instructions within brackets as many times as directed.
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"I speak fluent crochet."

Key differences between US & UK terms	
US	UK
sc single crocet	dc double crochet
hdc half double crochet	htc half treble
dc double crochet	tr treble
tr treble	dtr double treble
dtr double treble	trtr or ttr triple treble
skip	miss
guage	tension
yo yarn over	yon yarn over hook

Measurements

" or in(s)	inch(es)
cm	centimeter
g	gram
m	meter
mm	millimeter
oz	ounce
yd	yard

CROCHET ABBREVIATIONS CONT.

A

alt alternate
approx approximately

B

beg begin/ beginning
bet between
bl/ blo back loop/ back loop only
bo bobble
bp back post
bpdc back post double crochet
bptr back post triple treble crochet
bphdc back post half double crochet
bpsc back post single crochet
bptr back post treble crochet

C

cc contrast color
ch chain
ch-sp chain space
cl cluster
cont continue

D

dc double crochet
dc2tog double crochet two stitches together
dec decrease

E

edc extended double crochet
ehdc extended half double crochet
esc extended single crochet
etr extended treble crochet

F

fl/ flo front loop/ front loop only
foll following
fp front post
fpdc front post double crochet
fphdc front post half double crochet
fpdc front post single crochet
fptr front post treble crochet
fsc foundation single crochet

H

hdc half double crochet
hdc2tog half double crochet two stitches together

I-M

inc increase
lp loop
m marker
mc main color

P

pat pattern
pc popcorn stitch
pm place marker
prev previous
ps/ puff puff stitch

R

rem remaining
rnd(s) round(s)
rep repeat
rs right side

S

sc single crochet
sc2tog single crochet two stitches together
sh shell
sk skip
sl st slip stitch
sp space
st stitch

T

tbl through back loop
tch/ t-ch turning chain
tog together
tr treble crochet
tr2tog treble crochet two stitches together
trtr triple treble crochet
ttr triple treble

W-Y

ws wrong side
yo/ yoh yarn over/
yarn over hook

This list of abbreviations is based on the US notation. If converting to UK, please see the page previous for terms.

Knit Abbreviations

There are 5 styles (holds) of knitting. As you come across patterns you may come across them:

- English Knitting (Throwing)
- Continental Knitting (Picking)
- Lever Knitting (Flicking)
- Portuguese Knitting
- Shetland Knitting

There are 3 methods (how you form stitches)

- Eastern
- Western
- Combination Knitting

Measurements

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g	gram
m	meter
mm	millimeter
oz	ounce
yd	yard

With the various combinations of styles and methods, the abbreviations remain consistent. For more information on styles & methods check out [The 5 Knitting Styles \(And How to Knit Them\)](#)!

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KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS CONT.

A	alt	alternate	P	p	purl
	approx	approximately		pat or patt	pattern
B	beg	begin/ beginning		p2tog	purl two stitches together (single dec)
	bet	between		pfb	purl one front and back of stitch (single inc)
	bo	bind off		pm	place maker
	byo	backward yarn over		prev	previous
C	cc	contrasting color		pssso	passed the slipped stitch over
	cn	cable needle		p2sso	pass two slipped stitches over
	co	cast on		pwise	purlwise
	cont	continue			
D	dec	decrease	R	rem	remaining
	dpn	double-pointed needle		rep	repeat
F-I	fol	follow		rev St st	reverse stockinette stitch
	inc	increase		RH	right hand
K	k	knit		rnd	round
	k1b	knit stitch in row below		RS	right side
	kfb	knit into the front and back of stitch (single knit increase)			
	ksp	knit 1 stitch, slip from right needle to left needle, pass the next stitch over, slip the first stitch back to right needle (right leaning dec)	S	sl1p/ sl1k	slip one purlwise/ knitwise
	k2tog	knit two stitches together (right leaning dec)		SKP	slip one knitwise, knit one, pass slip stitch over knit stitch (left leaning dec)
	kwise	knitwise		SK2P	slip one knitwise, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over knit two together, double left-leaning decrease.
				sl	slip
L	LH	left hand		sl1k	slip 1 knitwise
	lp	loop		sl1p	slip 1 purlwise
M	m	marker		sl st (ss)	slip stitch
	m1/ m1k	make one stitch knitwise		sm	slip marker
	M1R	make one right (right leaning inc)		ssk	slip two stitches knitwise, knit them together through the back loop (left leaning dec)
	M1L	make one left (left leaning inc)		ssp	slip two stitches purlwise, purl them together through the back loop (right leaning)
	M1p	make one purlwise (single purl inc)			
	M1rp	make one right purlwise (right leaning inc)			
	M1lp	make one left purlwise (left leaning inc)			
	mc	main color			

KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS CONT.

S

sssk slip three stitches knitwise, knit these three stitches together through back loops; double left-leaning decrease.

sssp slip three stitches knitwise return these three stitches to left needle and purl these three stitches together through back loops (double left leaning dec)

S2KP2 slip two stitches as if to knit together, knit one, pass 2 slipped stitches over knit stitch; centered double decrease.

SSPP2 slip two stitches knitwise, return these two stitches to left needle and then slip them as if to p2tog through back loops, purl one, pass two slipped stitches over purl stitch centered double decrease.

st stitch

St st stockinette stitch

T

tbl through back loop

tfl through front loop

tog together

W

w&t wrap and turn

WS wrong side

wyib with yarn in back

wyif with yarn in front

Y

yb yarn back

yfwd or yf yarn forward

yo yarn over

yrn yarn round needle



[Craft Yarn Council](#). has so many resources and their own PDF for abbreviations, sizing and other key metrics for fiber crafts. I recommend checking out their page for additional resources.