

Knitting Abbreviations Glossary

This is a comprehensive glossary of common knitting abbreviations that you are likely to find in a pattern. Wherever it's relevant, I've included links to videos which cover the technique.

"	inch(es)
()	work instructions between parentheses, in the place directed
[]	work instructions between brackets, as many times as directed
*	repeat instructions following the single asterisk as directed
* *	repeat instructions between asterisks, as directed
alt	alternate
approx	approximately
beg	begin(ning)
bet	between
BO	bind off view continental video view english video
CA	color A
CB	color B
CC	contrasting color
cdd	centered double decrease. sl2 tog, K1, pass the slipped stitches over (together) view english video view continental video
ch	chain (using crochet hook). Start with a slip knot. view video
cm	centimeter(s)
cn	cable needle: short knitting needle, used as an aid in the twisting of a cable.
CO	cast on view video
cont	continue

cross 2 L

cross 2 stitches to the left (to work a cable). Slip 2 stitches p-wise onto a cable needle, let cable needle hang in front of work as you knit the next couple of stitches; then knit stitches off of cable needle.

cross 2 R

cross 2 stitches to the right (to work a cable). slip 2 stitches p-wise onto a cable needle, let cable needle hang in back of work as you knit the next couple of stitches; then knit stitches off of cable needle.

dc

double crochet

dec(s)

decrease(s)

DK

Double Knitting weight yarn. Slightly finer than worsted weight.

dpn *aka* dp

double pointed needle(s). A short needle with points at both ends, used in sets of 4 or 5, for knitting in the round.

EON

end of needle

EOR

end of row

FC

front cross (in working a cable)

fl

front loop(s)

fol

follow; follows; following

g *aka* gr

gram

g st

garter stitch

grp(s)

group(s)

hdc

half double crochet

hk

hook

in(s)

inch(es)

inc(s)

increase(s)

incl

including

k

knit

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k tbl *aka* K1 tbl, K1b

Knit stitch through the back loop

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k-b
knit stitch in row below. (Infrequently used for knit through the back loop; see K tbl)
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k-wise
knit-wise. Insert right needle into the stitch as if to knit it

k1 f&b *aka* kfb
knit 1 stitch in the front, then in the back. This is also called a Bar Increase
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k2tog
knit 2 stitches together
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k2tog tbl
knit 2 stitches together, through the back loops
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kll
knit left loop. An increase
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krl
knit right loop. An increase
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LC
left cross (to work a cable). As in: cross 2 L

LH
left hand

lp(s)
loop(s)

LT
left twist (where two stitches cross each other, as in the smallest cable stitch possible)

m
meter(s)

M1
Make 1. This means to increase a stitch. If the method isn't specified, use whichever increase you like, for instance M1F.

M1A
make 1 away. An Increase
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M1L *aka* M1, M1F
make 1 (front)(left). An increase. From the front, lift loop between stitches with left needle, knit into back of loop
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M1R *aka* M1B

make 1 (back) (right). An increase. From the back, lift loop between stitches with left needle, knit into front of loop
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MIT
make 1 towards. An Increase
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MB
make bobble

mc
main color

mm
millimeters(s)

no
number

oz
ounce(s)

p
purl
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p tbl *aka* P1 tbl, P1b
purl through the back loop
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p-b
purl stitch in the row below. (infrequently used to mean purl stitch in the back loop; see p tbl)
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p-wise
purl wise: Insert right needle down into the front loop, or up into the back loop for tbl

p1 f&b *aka* pfb
purl the front of a stitch, then purl the back of the same stitch
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p2tog
purl 2 together
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p2tog tbl
purl 2 together through the back loops
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pat(s) *aka* patt(s)
pattern(s)

pm
place marker

pns0

pass next stitch over

pop popcorn stitch

prev previous

pssso pass the slipped stitch over (as in slip 1, knit 1, pssso)

pu pick up stitches
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RC right cross (to work a cable), as in: cross 2 R

rem remaining

rep repeat(s)

rev St st Reverse stockinette/stocking stitch. The "purl" side of plain, stockinette stitch. Purl on RS, knitted on WS

RH right hand

rib ribbing: vertical columns of knit and purl stitches, side by side, as in K1, P1 ribbing

rnd(s) round(s). In circular knitting, a "row" is called a "round."

RS right side, for instance the outside of a sweater. Stated to indicate which side is facing you when carrying out instructions

RT right twist (where two stitches cross each other, as in the smallest cable stitch possible)

sc single crochet

sk skip

sk2p slip1, knit 2 tog, pass slipped stitch over. (a double decrease)
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SKP *aka* skpo "Slip, Knit, Pass." Slip a stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit one. The same as: sl1, k1, pssso
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sl *aka* s slip a stitch. If they don't specify, slip the stitch purl-wise....Unless you are decreasing: then, slip it knit-wise on the knit rows, and purl-wise on the purl rows. (According to Vogue Knitting)

sl st slip stitch(es)

sl1, k1, pssso

slip1, knit1, pass the slipped stitch over. The same as SKP
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sl1k *aka* sl 1 k-wise
slip a stitch knit-wise
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sl1p *aka* sl 1 p-wise
slip a stitch purl-wise
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slip knot
an adjustable loop, used to begin many cast-on methods
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sp(s)
space(s)

ss
slip stitch (Canadian)

ssk
slip, slip, knit slipped stitches tog. A decrease
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ssk (improved)
sl 1, sl 1 p-wise, knit slipped sts tog
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ssp
slip, slip, purl. A decrease, usually done on the purl-side
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sssk
slip, slip, slip, knit 3 slipped stitches together. A double decrease
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st (s)
stitch(es)

St st
Stockinette/Stocking stitch

tbl
through the back loop

tog
together

won
wool over needle

wrn
wool round needle

WS
wrong side, for instance the inside of the sweater. Stated to indicate which side is facing you when carrying out instructions

wyib
with yarn in back

wyif with yarn in front
yb *aka* ybk yarn to the back
yd(s) yard(s)
yfon yarn forward and over needle. Same as yo
yfrn yarn forward and 'round needle. Same as yo
yfwd *aka* yf yarn forward
yo yarn over: wrap the yarn around right needle
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yo2 *aka* yo twice yarn over twice
yon yarn over needle. Same as yo
yrn yarn 'round needle. Same as yo