



Common Knit Abbreviations

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NOTE: Special abbreviations may also be used in some patterns. Generally, the definition of a special abbreviation is provided at the beginning of the pattern. For more information about reading patterns, go to www.yarnstandards.com

Abbreviation	Description	Abbreviation	Description
[]	work instructions within brackets as many times as directed	pat(s) or patt	pattern(s)
()	work instructions within parentheses in the place directed	pm	place marker
* *	repeat instructions following the asterisks as directed	pop	popcorn
*	repeat instructions following the single asterisk as directed	p2tog	purl 2 stitches together
"	inch(es)	prev	previous
alt	alternate	pssso	pass slipped stitch over
approx	approximately	pwise	purlwise
beg	begin/beginning	rem	remain/remaining
bet	between	rep	repeat(s)
BO	bind off	rev St st	reverse stockinette stitch
CA	color A	RH	right hand
CB	color B	rnd(s)	round(s)
CC	contrasting color	RS	right side
cm	centimeter(s)	sk	skip
cn	cable needle	skp	slip, knit, pass stitch over—one stitch decreased
CO	cast on	sk2p	slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over the knit 2 together; 2 stitches have been decreased
cont	continue	sl	slip
dec	decrease/decreases/decreasing	sl1k	slip 1 knitwise
dpn	double pointed needle(s)	sl1p	slip 1 purlwise
fl	front loop(s)	sl st	slip stitch(es)
foll	follow/follows/following	ss	slip stitch (Canadian)
g	gram	ssk	slip, slip, knit these 2 stitches together—a decrease
inc	increase/increases/increasing	sssk	slip, slip, slip, knit 3 stitches together
k or K	knit	st(s)	stitch(es)
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together	St st	stockinette stitch/stocking stitch
kwise	knitwise	tbl	through back loop
LH	left hand	tog	together
lp(s)	loop(s)	WS	wrong side
m	meter(s)	wyib	with yarn in back
M1	make one stitch	wyif	with yarn in front
M1 p-st	make one purl stitch	yd(s)	yard(s)
MC	main color	yfwd	yarn forward
mm	millimeter(s)	yo	yarn over
oz	ounce(s)	yrn	yarn around needle
p or P	purl	yon	yarn over needle

Chart courtesy of www.yarnstandards.com