

Abbreviations Every Knitter Should Know

Alphabetized For Quick Reference

Abbreviation	Description
alt	alternate
approx	approximately
beg	beginning
bet	between
BO	bind off
byo	backward yarn over
CC	contrasting color
cn	cable needle
CO	cast on
cont	continue
dec	decrease
dpn	double-pointed needles
fol	follow
inc	increase
k	knit
k1B	knit stitch in row below
kfb	knit 1 into front and back of a stitch; single knit increase
ksp	knit 1 stitch, slip this stitch from right needle to left needle, pass second stitch on left needle over first stitch and off left needle; return stitch to right needle; single right-leaning decrease
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together;
kwise	knitwise
LH	left hand
lp	loop
m	marker

M1 or M1K	make one stitch knitwise; single knit increase
M1R	make one right; single right-leaning knit increase
M1L	make one left; single left-leaning knit increase
M1p	make one purlwise; single purl increase
M1rp	make one right purlwise; single right-leaning purl increase
M1lp	make one left purlwise; single left-leaning purl increase
MC	main color
p	purl
pat or patt	pattern
pfb	purl 1 into front and back of a stitch; single purl increase
pm	place marker
p2tog	purl 2 stitches together; single decrease
prev	previous
psso	pass slipped stitch over
p2sso	pass 2 slipped stitches over
pwise	purlwise
rem	remaining
rep	repeat
rev St st	reverse stockinette stitch
RH	right hand
rnd	round
RS	right side

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SKP	slip 1 knitwise, knit 1, pass slip stitch over knit stitch; single left-leaning decrease	sssp	slip 3 stitches knitwise, return these 3 stitches to left needle and purl these 3 stitches together through back loops; double left leaning decrease
SK2P	slip 1 knitwise, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over knit 2 together; double left-leaning decrease	S2KP2	slip 2 stitches as if to knit 2 together, knit 1, pass 2 slipped stitches over knit stitch; centered double decrease
sl	slip	SSPP2	slip 2 stitches knitwise, return these 2 stitches to left needle and then slip them as if to p2tog through back loops, purl 1, pass 2 slipped stitches over purl stitch; centered double decrease
sl1k	slip 1 knitwise	St st	stockinette stitch
sl1p	slip 1 purlwise	tbl	through back loop
sl st	slip stitch	tfl	through front loop
sm	slip marker	tog	together
ssk	slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these 2 stitches together through back loops; single left-leaning decrease	WS	wrong side
ssp	slip 2 stitches knitwise, return these 2 stitches to left needle and purl them together through back loops; single left-leaning decrease	w&t	wrap and turn
sssk	slip 3 stitches knitwise, knit these 3 stitches together through back loops; double left-leaning decrease	wyib	with yarn in back
		wyif	with yarn in front
		yb	yarn back
		yfwd or yf	yarn forward
		yo	yarn over
		yon	yarn over needle
		yrn	tyarn round needle