

Crochet Abbreviations Master List

Following is a list of crochet abbreviations used in patterns by yarn industry designers and publishers. In addition, designers and publishers may use special abbreviations in a pattern, which you might not find on this list. Generally, a definition of special abbreviations is given at the beginning of a book or pattern. These definitions reflect U.S. crochet terminology.

Abbreviation	Description
alt	alternate
approx	approximately
beg	begin/beginning
bet	between
BL or BLO	back loop or back loop only
bo	bobble
BP	back post
BPdc	back post double crochet
BPdtr	back post double treble crochet
BPhdc	back post half double crochet
BPsc	back post single crochet
BPtr	back post treble crochet
CC	contrasting color
ch	chain stitch
ch-	refer to chain or space previously made, e.g., ch-1 space
ch-sp	chain space

Abbreviation	Description
CL	cluster
cont	continue
dc	double crochet
dc2tog	double crochet 2 stitches together
dec	decrease
dtr	double treble crochet
edc	extended double crochet
ehdc	extended half double crochet
esc	extended single crochet
etr	extended treble crochet
FL or FLO	front loop or front loop only
foll	following
FP	front post
FPdc	front post double crochet
FPdtr	front post double treble crochet
FP hdc	front post half double crochet
FPsc	front post single crochet

Abbreviation	Description
FPtr	front post treble crochet
hdc	half double crochet
hdc2tog	half double crochet 2 stitches together
inc	increase

Abbreviation	Description
lp	loop
m	marker
MC	main color
pat or patt	pattern
pc	popcorn stitch
pm	place marker
prev	previous
ps or puff	puff stitch
rem	remaining
rep	repeat
rnd	round
RS	right side
sc	single crochet
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together
sh	shell
sk	skip
sl st	slip stitch
sm or sl m	slip marker
sp	space
st	stitch
tbl	through back loop
tch or t-ch	turning chain

Abbreviation	Description
tog	together
tr	treble crochet
tr2tog	treble crochet 2 stitches together
trtr	triple treble crochet
WS	wrong side
yo	yarn over
yoh	yarn over hook

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Terms & Common Measurements

Term	Description
*	repeat the instructions following the single asterisk as directed
**	repeat instructions between asterisks as many times as directed or repeat at specified locations
{ }	work instructions within brackets as many times as directed
[]	work instructions within brackets as many times as directed
()	work instructions within parentheses as many times as directed or work a group of stitches all in the same stitch or space

MeasurementDescription

" or in	inch
cm	centimeter
g	gram
m	meter
mm	millimeter

Term	Description
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oz	ounce
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yd	yard
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Abbreviation & Term Differences between the U.S., United Kingdom (U.K.) and Canada.

U.S./Canada

slip stitch (sl st)

single crochet (sc)

half double crochet (hdc)

double crochet (dc)

treble (tr)

double treble (dtr)

U.K.

slip stitch (ss)

double crochet (dc)

half treble (htr)

treble (tr)

double treble (dtr)

triple treble (trtr)

U.S.

gauge

yarn over (yo)

U.K./Canada

tension

yarn over hook (yoh)