

List of Common Knitting Abbreviations

() or []	perform instructions within parentheses/bracket as many times as directed
*	repeat instructions from asterisk as many times as directed
alt	alternate/alternating
approx	approximately
beg	begin/beginning
bet	between
BO	bind off
CC	contrasting color
cm(s)	centimeter(s)
cn	cable needle
CO	cast on
cont	continue
dec(s)	decrease(s)
dk	double knitting - both a yarn weight and knitting technique
dpn(s)	double pointed needles
EOR/eor	every other row
est	established
foll	follows/following
g/gr	gram(s)
g st	garter stitch
in(s)	inch(es)
inc(s)	increase(s)/increasing
incl	includes/including
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together (right slanting decrease)
k-b/k1b	knit next stitch in row below - or sometimes knit 1 in back loop of stitch
kf&b	knit into front and back of stitch – increase
ktbl	knit through back loop of stitch
kwise	knit wise - as to knit
LH	left hand
lp(s)	loop(s)
LT	left twist
M1	make one - increase
MB	make bobble
MC	main color
meas	measures

mm(s)	millimeter(s)
mult	multiple
ndl(s)	needle(s)
oz	ounce
p	purl
p2tog	purl 2 together
patt	pattern
p-b/p1b	purl next stitch in row below or sometimes purl 1 in back loop of stitch
PM	place marker
pssso	pass slipped stitch over knit (or purl) stitch
ptbl	purl in back loop of stitch
pwise	purl wise - as to purl
rem	remain/remaining
rep(s)	repeat(s)
rev ST st	reverse stockinette/stocking stitch
RH	right hand
rnd	round
RS	right side
RT	right twist
sk	skip
skp	slip, knit, pass slipped stich over - decrease
sl	slip
sl st	slip stitch
sp(s)	space(s)
ssk	slip, slip, knit - left slanting decrease
ST st	stockinette/stocking stitch
st(s)	stitch(s)
tbl	through back loop
tog	together
WS	wrong side
wyib	with yarn in back
wyif	with yarn in front
yb/ybk	yarn back
yf/YFWD	yarn forward
yo	yarn over