

Abbreviations Stitch Guide

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Abbreviations are the short forms of longer words used in a typical crochet pattern.

Abbreviations in patterns may have capital letters and usually reflects punctuation of sentence structure. It makes no difference if the abbreviation has a capital letter or is all in lower case.

alt - alternative
approx - approximately
bp - back post
blo - back loop only
bpdc - back post double crochet
beg - beginning
bet - between
bl - back loop
bo - bobble
ch - chain
ch-sp - chain space
cl - cluster, usually assigned in pattern
cont - continue
dbl - double
dc - double crochet
dcfp- double crochet front post
dec - decrease
dir - directions
dnt - do not turn
dtr - double treble
ea - each
ex sc - extended single crochet
fl - front loop
flo - front loop only
fp - front post
fo - finish off/ fasten off/fasten on
foll - following
gr - group
hdc - half double crochet
hk - hook
in - inch
inc - increase
inst - instructions
lp - loop
mr - magic ring
pat st - pattern stitch
pm - place marker
pc st - popcorn stitch
prev - previous

puff - puff stitch, usually assigned in pattern
rem - remaining
rep - repeat
rnd(s) - round
rs - right side
rsc - reverse single crochet
sc - single crochet
shell - usually assigned in a pattern
sk - skip
sl st - slip stitch
sp - space
st(s) - stitch
tog - together
tr - treble
trtr - triple treble
dbl tr - double treble
ttr - triple treble
v-st - v stitch, usually assigned in a pattern
ws - wrong side
yo - yarn over
yoh - yarn over hoo
[] - Do instructions in brackets the suggested number of times
() - Do instructions in brackets the suggested number of times
* - Repeat instructions from this point.
** - Indicates there are two different repeats within the same sentence that overlap.

Contraction Abbreviations

These abbreviations are meaningless without being combined with another abbreviation to tell you which stitch is assigned.

bp - back post (example: trbp)
blo - back loop only (example: dcblo)
fl - front loop (example: hdcfl)
flo - front loop only (example: scflo)
tog - together (example: dc4tog)

When reading abbreviations, say it as the full name. **For example**, ch, do not say c-h, say **chain** in your mind or out loud.

They are typical, should there are more but usually the designer will indicate the abbreviation plus give its meaning.