

# 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.