

Common Knitting Abbreviations

Beg = beginning

BO = Bind off

BOR = Beginning of round/row

BYO = backward yarn over

CC = contrasting color

C4B/C4F = Cable four back/front. A simple 2x2 cable stitch

CO = Cast on

Dec(s): decrease(s)

DPNS = Double-pointed needles

EOR: End of row

G st = garter stitch

Inc(s): increase(s)

K = knit stitch

K2tog = knit two together; a right-leaning decrease.

K2tog tbl = knit two together through the back loop; a left-leaning decrease.

K3tog = knit three together

K1B/K2B/K3B etc = knit one/two/three below.

KFB = knit front and back;

KTBL = knit through the back loop

M1L = Make one left; a left-leaning increase.

M1R = Make one right; a right-leaning increase.

P = purl stitch; sometimes also means you have to purl a full row.

P1B/P2B/P3B = purl one below, purl two below, or purl three below.

P2tog = purl two together; a left-leaning decrease for the purl side.

P2tog tbl = purl two together through the back loop; a right-leaning decrease for the purl side.

P3tog = purl three together.

P3tog tbl = purl three together through the back loop, a right-leaning double purl decrease.

PFB = purl front back; a purl increase that leaves a little bar.

PM = place (stitch) marker

PSSO = pass stitch over

PTBL = purl through the back loop

R = Row or round; sometimes also rnds

Rep = repeat

Rib = rib stitch, sometimes also ribbing

RS = right side

st = stitches

SEL = selvage stitch

SK = skip

SL st = slipped stitch

SL or S = slip one stitch

SM = slip marker

ST ST = stockinette stitch a very popular and smooth knitting stitch pattern

SSK = Slip slip knit; a left-leaning decrease.

SKP = slip 1 knitwise, knit 1, pass slip stitch over the knit stitch

SSP = slip, slip, purl; a right-leaning decrease

TBL = through back loop

TFL = through front loop

W&T = wrap and turn

WRN = wool round needle

WS = wrong side

Wyib = with yarn in back.

Wyif = with yarn in front

YO = yarn over

YO2 = yarn over twice