





# List with abbreviations and symbols








The list below shows the more common American (US) terminology first, followed by the difference with the British (UK) terminology. In principle, the pattern should indicate which terminology is used: US or UK. To make the distinction a little easier to remember: the British crochet stitch terminology refers to the number of loops on your crochet hook, while the American terminology refers to the number of yarn turns when picking up your first loop.






The abbreviations with a \* are not according to the standards of the [Craft Yarn Council](#). This is an organization that strives for standardization for, among other things, typing yarns, crochet hooks and knitting needles.








Treble and Triple are often used interchangeably.


In the symbols you will see a number of times that a symbol must be combined with the original symbol of the stitch. I have often included an example of such a combination. So if you come across a symbol in a pattern drawing that you do not recognize, see if you can 'chop' it into parts that you do recognize and look at the list of symbols for their meaning.

Abbreviation US	Description	Symbol	UK terminology
alt	alternate		
approx	approximately		
beg	begin/beginning		
bet	between		
BL or BLO	back loop or back loop only		
bo	bobble		
	3-hdc cluster/puff st/bobble		
BP	back post		
BPdc	back post double crochet		
BPdtr	back post double treble crochet		

Abbreviation US	Description	Symbol	UK terminology
BPhdc	back post half double crochet		
BPsc	back post single crochet		
BPtr	back post treble crochet		
CC	contrasting color		
ch	chain stitch		
ch-sp	chain space		
CL	cluster		
CL-dc3tog	Cluster of dc3tog		
cont	continue		
dc	double crochet		= treble (tr)
dc2tog	double crochet 2 stitches together		
Dc3tog	double crochet 3 stitches together		
dec	decrease		
dtr	double treble crochet		= triple treble (trtr)
e...	extended		

Abbreviation US	Description	Symbol	UK terminology
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		
fol	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		
FPtr	front post treble crochet		
hdc	half double crochet		= half treble (htr)
hdc2tog	half double crochet 2 stitches together		
inc	increase		
lp	loop		
m	marker		
MC	main color (sometimes used for *Magic Circle)		

Abbreviation US	Description	Symbol	UK terminology
*ML	Magic Loop		
pat or patt	pattern		
pc	popcorn stitch		
	Popcorn of 5 dc		
	Picot (ch3 picot)		
pm	place marker		
prev	previous		
ps or puff	puff stitch (also see bobble)		
rem	remaining		
rep	repeat		
rnd	round		
RS	right side		
sc	single crochet	 of 	= double crochet (dc)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together		
Sc3tog	single crochet 3 stitches together		
sh	shell		
	Shell of 5 dc		

Abbreviation US	Description	Symbol	UK terminology
sk	skip		
sl st	slip stitch	●	slip stitch (ss)
sm or sl m	slip marker		
sp	space		
st	stitch		
tbl	through back loop		
tch or t-ch	turning chain		
tog	together		
tr	treble crochet		double treble (dtr)
tr2tog	treble crochet 2 stitches together		
trtr	triple treble crochet		
WS	wrong side		
yo	yarn over		yarn over hook (yoh)
yoh	yarn over hook		
*yu	yarn under		yarn under hook (yuh)
*yuh	yarn under hook		