

# Crochet Abbreviations and Terms Cheat Sheet

Pattern Princess • A printable reference for beginner and intermediate crocheters

Helpful Tip: Most crochet designers use standard abbreviations, but some patterns include custom shorthand for special stitches or techniques. Always read the pattern notes and abbreviation list before you begin.

## Basic Stitches

Abbreviation	Meaning
ch	Chain
sc	Single Crochet
hdc	Half Double Crochet
dc	Double Crochet
tr	Treble Crochet
dtr	Double Treble Crochet
sl st	Slip Stitch

## Pattern Instructions

Abbreviation	Meaning
st(s)	Stitch(es)
sp	Space
sk	Skip
yo	Yarn Over
rep	Repeat
beg	Beginning
prev	Previous
rem	Remaining
cont	Continue
ea	Each
ch-sp	Chain Space

## Rows and Rounds

Abbreviation	Meaning
row(s)	Row(s)
rnd(s)	Round(s)
RS	Right Side
WS	Wrong Side

## Shaping

Abbreviation	Meaning
inc	Increase

dec	Decrease
tog	Together
sc2tog	Single Crochet 2 Together
dc2tog	Double Crochet 2 Together

## Loop Placement

Abbreviation	Meaning
BLO	Back Loop Only
FLO	Front Loop Only

## Special Stitches

Abbreviation	Meaning
CL	Cluster
V-st	V-Stitch
shell	Shell Stitch
picot	Picot

## Tools and Markers

Abbreviation	Meaning
MC / MR	Magic Circle / Magic Ring
pm	Place Marker
sm	Stitch Marker

## Finishing

Abbreviation	Meaning
FO	Fasten Off
join	Join
turn	Turn Your Work

## US vs UK Crochet Terms (Quick Reference)

US Term	UK Term
Single Crochet (sc)	Double Crochet
Half Double Crochet (hdc)	Half Treble Crochet
Double Crochet (dc)	Treble Crochet
Treble Crochet (tr)	Double Treble Crochet