

Legend of Knitting Abbreviations

This is just to get you started. There isn't a standard abbreviation list, so always check for a list of abbreviations in the pattern or book you are working from, to see if the author has some new or different abbreviations.

beg = begin, beginning

BO = bind off

CO = cast on

cont = continue, continuing

dec, decs = decrease, decreasing, decreases

inc, incs = increase, increases

k = knit

k2 tog = knit 2 sts together (a decrease)

k-b = knit-back (insert ndl through back of loop)

kwise = knitwise

m1 = make 1 (an increase)

ndl , ndls = needle, needles

p = purl

p-b = purl-back (insert ndl through back of loop)

pssso = pass slip stitch(es) over

pwise = purlwise

rem = remaining

rnd = round

ssk = slip, slip, knit (sl one st as if to k, sl another st as if to k, place the left ndl back into the slipped sts, k the slipped sts tog)

sl = slip

st, sts = stitch, stitches

st st = stockinette stitch

tbl = through back loop

tog = together

wyab = with yarn at back

wyif = with yarn in front

yb = yarn back

yo = yarn over (front of needle)

(...) = repeat directions inside brackets as many times as specified after the brackets

... = repeat directions between asterisks to end of row, or number of times specified