Most Common Knitting Abbreviations

Abbr	Meaning	Abbr	Meaning	Abbr	Meaning	Abbr	Meaning
[ ]	work instructions within brackets as many times as directed	( )	work instructions within parentheses in the place directed	* *	repeat instructions following the asterisks as directed	*	repeat instructions following the single asterisk as directed
"	inch(es)	alt	alternate	approx	approximately	beg	begin/beginning
bet	between	BO	bind off	CA	color A	CB	color B
CC	contrasting color	cm	centimeter(s)	cn	cable needle	CO	cast on
cont	continue	dec	decrease/ decreases/ decreasing	dpn	double pointed needle(s)	fl	front loop(s)
foll	follow/ follows/ following	g	gram	inc	increase/ increases/ increasing	k or K	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together	kwise	knitwise	LH	left hand	lp(s)	loop(s)
m	meter(s)	M1	make one stitch	M1 p-st	make one purl stitch	MC	main color
mm	millimeter(s)	oz	ounce(s)	p or P	purl	pat(s) or patt	pattern(s)
pm	place maker	pop	popcorn	p2tog	purl 2 stitches together	prev	previous
psso	pass slipped stitch over	pwise	purlwise	rem	remain/remaining	rep	repeat(s)
rev ST st	reverse stockinette stitch	RH	right hand	rnd(s)	round(s)	RS	right side
sk	skip	skp	slip, knit, pass stitch over—one stitch decreased	sk2p	slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over the knit 2 together; 2 stitches have been decreased	sl	slip
sl 1 k	slip 1 knitwise	sl 1 p	slip 1 purlwise	sl st	slip stitch(es)	ss	slip stitch (Canadian)
ssk	slip, slip, knit these 2 stiches together—a decrease	sssk	slip, slip, slip, knit 3 stitches together	st(s)	stitch(es)	St st	stockinette stitch/stocking stitch
tbl	through back loop	tog	together	WS	wrong side	wyib	with yarn in back
wyif	with yarn in front	yd(s)	yard(s)	yfwd	yarn forward	yo	yarn over
yrn	yarn around needle	yon	yarn over needle				