

ABBREVIATIONS

beg	begin(ning)(s)
cm	centimeter
cn	cable needle
cont	continu(e)(ed)(ing)(s)
dec	decreas(e)(ed)(ing)(s)
dpn(s)	double-pointed needle(s)
folll	following
inc	increas(e)(ed)(ing)(s)
k	knit
LH	left-hand
m	meters
mm	millimeters
p	purl
patt(s)	pattern(s)
pm	place marker(s)
pssso	pass slipped st over

rem	remain(ed)(ing)(s)
rep	repeat(ed)(ing)(s)
rev	reverse
RH	right-hand
rm	remove marker(s)
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sc	single crochet
sl	slip(ped)(ping)(s)
sm	slip marker(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through back loop
tog	together
WS	wrong side
wyib	with yarn in back
wyif	with yarn in front
yo	yarn over

SPECIAL TERMS

kfb: (RS) Knit 1 front and back (inc) – Knit next st but do not remove it from the needle, then knit it tbl.

pfb: (WS) Purl 1 front and back (inc) – Purl next st but do not remove it from the needle, then purl it tbl.

M1L (M1): Make 1 left (inc) – Lift strand between needles to LH needle from front to back and work strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole, [knit or purl as indicated by pattern st].

M1R: Make 1 right (inc) – Lift strand between needles to LH needle from back to front and work strand through the front loop, twisting it to prevent a hole, [knit or purl as indicated by pattern st].

M1p: Make 1 purlwise (inc) – Insert LH needle under loop 2 rows below last stitch worked, insert RH needle purlwise in loop and purl.

MB (make bobble): [K1, p1, k1, p1, k1] into next st to inc to 5 sts, turn; p5, turn; k5, turn; p2tog, p1, p2tog, turn; sk2p – 1 st. *There may be variations on this technique. Check pattern.*

k2tog: Knit 2 together (dec) – Knit 2 sts tog through the front loops.

p2tog: Purl 2 together (dec) – Purl 2 sts tog through the front loops.
[For multiple decs, work as above using the number of sts specified.]

skp: (Left-leaning dec) – Slip 1, k1, pssso.

sk2p: (Left-leaning double dec) – Slip 1, k2tog, pssso.

s2kp: (Centered double dec) – Slip 2 sts together KNITWISE to RH needle, k1, pass 2 slipped sts over (p2sso).

s2kp2: (Centered double dec) – Slip 2 sts together as if to k2tog, k1, pass 2 slipped sts over k1.

ssk [or ssp]: Slip, slip, knit [or purl] (dec) – Slip 2 sts, one at a time KNITWISE to RH needle, return the sts to LH needle in the turned position and knit [or purl] them together through the back loops.

sssk: Slip, slip, slip, knit (double dec) – Slip 3 sts, one at a time KNITWISE to RH needle, return the sts to LH needle in the turned position and knit them together through the back loops.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

BACKWARD LOOP CAST-ON: Leaving a tail of a length sufficient for the number of sts to be cast on, make a slip knot on needle. Holding needle in right hand, and using your fingers to keep the yarn tail out of the way, grasp working yarn in your left hand. Pass working yarn around left thumb from back to front. Slip the needle tip under the loop around thumb. Pull your thumb out of the loop and tug on the working yarn to tighten up the stitch on needle. Repeat for number of sts to be cast on.

CABLE CAST-ON: * Insert RH needle between first 2 sts on LH needle and knit, pulling the loop through to the front to make a new st. Place new st on LH needle. Rep from * for number of sts required.

GERMAN SHORT-ROWS: This is a method of working short-rows without wrapping the next st before turning the work. On each row, work the number of sts indicated in the pattern, then turn. Slip 1 purlwise with the yarn in front, lift the yarn over the top of the needle to the back and pull tight so both legs of the slipped st are on the needle (**DS**). If the next st is a knit st, leave the yarn at the back; if the next st is a purl st, bring the yarn between needles to the front. On following rows, make sure to knit or purl through both loops of each DS.

GRAFTING (KITCHENER STITCH): Place sts to be grafted onto 2 needles, with wrong sides together, and with needle points facing to the right. Using yarn needle, insert into first st on front needle as if to purl, leaving st on needle. Insert into first st on back needle as if to knit, leaving st on needle. *Insert into first st on front needle as if to knit, slipping st off needle, then into next st on front needle as if to purl, leaving st on needle. Insert into first st on back needle as if to purl, slipping st off needle, then into next st as if to knit, leaving st on needle. Rep from * until all sts have been grafted.

I-CORD: On a double-pointed needle, cast on [or pick up] number of sts indicated in instructions. **DO NOT TURN.** *Slide sts to the opposite end of the needle and knit them, pulling yarn *firmly* behind sts; rep from * to desired length. After a few rows, you will see that you are knitting a tiny tube; give it a gentle tug now and then to adjust any loose sts. Bind off all sts, leaving approximately 12" tail for finishing.

JOGLESS COLOR CHANGE: To minimize jog where colors change when working stripes in the rnd, work 1 rnd with new color, slip beg-of-rnd marker, slip first st of next rnd purlwise, continue to end of rnd.

KNITTED CAST-ON: *Knit into first st on LH needle, draw up a loop and place it on LH needle in front of first st; rep from * for number of sts required.

PROVISIONAL (CROCHET CHAIN) CAST-ON: Using crochet hook and waste yarn, loosely chain the number of sts needed for the cast-on, plus a few extra. Cut yarn. Using needle and pattern yarn, pick up and knit 1 st into back bump of first chain. Continue to k1 into back of each chain for the number of sts required. Do not work into rem chains. When ready to graft or pick up these sts to continue working, using needle required for piece, unravel the crochet chain one st at a time, inserting the needle into the live st.

REVERSE SINGLE CROCHET (Rev sc): Work from left to right, inserting hook into the next stitch to the right, yarn over, draw yarn through this stitch (2 loops on hook), yarn over, draw yarn through 2 loops on hook. Repeat along row or round. This stitch is most often used as an edging.

SHORT ROWS - Wrap and Turn (W&T): Slip next st to RH needle, bring working yarn to other side of work, slip the same st back to LH needle, return working yarn to first side of work (st wrapped). Turn piece to work back in the other direction.

SINGLE CROCHET (sc): Working from right to left, insert hook into the next stitch or chain, yarn over, draw yarn through this stitch (2 loops on hook), yarn over, draw yarn through 2 loops on hook. Repeat along row or round.

THREE-NEEDLE BIND-OFF: [Joining 2 pieces together as you bind off.]

Place the sts of pieces to be joined on separate needles, (or each end of a circular needle), hold one behind the other, with right sides facing each other, in LH; with a third needle, (the same size or 1 size larger than used for knitting the pieces), k2tog [one from the front needle, one from the back needle - one st on RH needle], * k2tog [two sts on RH needle], bind off one st in usual manner; rep from * to end. For a decorative seam on right side, work with wrong sides facing each other.