

US & UK crochet terms

Match the stitch name before following the instructions.

US name / abbreviation	UK name / abbreviation
Slip stitch / sl st	Slip stitch / ss
Single crochet / sc	Double crochet / dc
Half double crochet / hdc	Half treble crochet / htr
Double crochet / dc	Treble crochet / tr
Treble crochet / tr	Double treble crochet / dtr
Double treble crochet / dtr	Triple treble crochet / trtr

The common trap: dc does not mean the same stitch in both systems. Check the designer's terminology note and special-stitch definitions first. Hook size or spelling alone does not establish the stitch system.

Other abbreviations you will meet

ch: chain | st(s): stitch(es) | sp: space | yo: yarn over | rep: repeat | sk: skip | inc: increase | dec: decrease | BLO/FLO: back/front loop only | RS/WS: right/wrong side. A pattern may use different abbreviations; its key comes first.

Count a repeat before crocheting it

US example: [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] three times. Each repeat uses two old stitches and creates three new stitches. Three repeats therefore use six stitches and create nine. The UK version uses dc in place of sc.

Reference checked: Craft Yarn Council, crochet abbreviations and standards. This sheet is an original layout and teaching example; the Council does not endorse this resource.

craftyarncouncil.com/standards/crochet-abbreviations

Read the stitch symbols

Common symbols, drawn independently for this learning sheet.



Chain



Slip stitch



US single crochet / UK double crochet



US half double crochet / UK half treble



US double crochet / UK treble



US treble crochet / UK double treble

Practice strip: 4 single crochet stitches per row (US)

Chain 5. Row 1: start in the second chain from the hook and make 4 sc. Turn. Row 2: ch 1 (does not count), then 4 sc. For this right-handed chart, read row 1 right to left and row 2 left to right. Follow a real chart's row numbers, arrows and key.



Row 2: 4 sc, read rightward



Row 1: 4 sc, read leftward



Foundation: ch 5

The extra foundation chain at the right and the turning chain at the left are not counted as sc. The active loop on the hook is never an extra stitch.

Not every symbol is universal. The pattern legend defines clusters, joined stitches, repeats and turning chains. Read written instructions alongside the chart until the counts agree.

Reference: craftyarncouncil.com/standards/crochet-chart-symbols

Full lessons: budgetbreakdownx.com/crochet-symbol-chart/ and [/crochet-abbreviations-us-uk/](https://budgetbreakdownx.com/crochet-abbreviations-us-uk/)