Crochet Abbreviations Chart: US Terms with UK Names

Keep this next to your pattern. Find the abbreviation, check whether your pattern uses US or UK terms, then read one round at a time.

Abbrev.	US meaning	UK term
beg	begin / beginning	—
BLO	back loop only	back loop only
FLO	front loop only	front loop only
ch	chain	chain (ch)
ch-sp	chain space	chain space
sl st	slip stitch	slip stitch (ss)
sc	single crochet	double crochet (dc)
hdc	half double crochet	half treble (htr)
dc	double crochet	treble (tr)
tr	treble crochet	double treble (dtr)
dtr	double treble	triple treble (trtr)
yo	yarn over	yarn over hook (yoh)
inc	increase (usually 2 sts in one st)	increase
dec	decrease	decrease

Abbrev.	US meaning	UK term
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together	dc2tog
invdec	invisible decrease	invisible decrease
MR	magic ring / magic circle	magic ring
st / sts	stitch / stitches	stitch / stitches
rnd(s)	round(s)	round(s)
rep	repeat	repeat
sk	skip	miss
sp	space	space
pm / sm	place marker / slip marker	place / slip marker
rem	remaining	remaining
RS / WS	right side / wrong side	right side / wrong side
tog	together	together
FO	fasten off	fasten off
gauge	stitches and rows per measure	tension

Repeat and count notation

- *** … ; rep from *** — work the steps after the asterisk again as directed.
- **(…) × 6** or **[…] 6 times** — repeat the group in brackets six times.
- **(sc, inc) × 6** — 1 sc in the next stitch, 2 sc in the following stitch; six times.

- **[18]** or **(18)** at the end — the stitch count you should have when the round is finished. It is a check, not an extra instruction.
- **Rnd 4–6: sc around** — work three rounds of one sc in every stitch.
- US and UK both write “dc”, but a UK dc is a US sc. Check the pattern’s terminology note first.

US terms with UK equivalents as listed by the Craft Yarn Council. A pattern’s own key always takes priority. Learn each term step by step: www.forfunly.com/guides/us-crochet-abbreviations

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