Crochet Cheat Sheet

Abbreviations, US vs UK terms, hook sizes, yarn weights and turning chains

HookMath

US vs UK stitch names

US term	UK term
slip stitch (sl st)	slip stitch (ss)
single crochet (sc)	double crochet (dc)
half double crochet (hdc)	half treble (htr)
double crochet (dc)	treble (tr)
treble (tr)	double treble (dtr)
double treble (dtr)	triple treble (trtr)
skip	miss
gauge	tension
yarn over (yo)	yarn round hook (yrh)

Tip: if a pattern mentions single crochet (sc), it uses US terms. If it mentions htr or "miss", it's UK.

Common abbreviations (US)

Abbr.	Meaning	Abbr.	Meaning
BLO / FLO	back / front loop only	rep	repeat
beg	beginning	rnd	round
ch / ch-sp	chain / chain space	RS / WS	right side / wrong side
cl	cluster	sc2tog	single crochet 2 together
dc2tog	double crochet 2 together	sk	skip
dec	decrease	sp	space
FPdc / BPdc	front / back post double crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)
inc	2 stitches in one stitch	tch	turning chain
MR	magic ring	tog	together
pm	place marker	yo	yarn over

Turning chains and stitch heights (US)

Stitch	Turning chain	Height (compared with sc)
sc	ch 1	1
hdc	ch 2	about 1.5
dc	ch 3	about 2
tr	ch 4	about 3

Yarn weights and hook sizes

#	US name	UK / AU name	Suggested hook
0	Lace, thread	1–2 ply	1.5–2.25 mm
1	Fingering, sock	4 ply	2.25–3.5 mm
2	Sport, baby	5 ply	3.5–4.5 mm
3	DK, light worsted	DK, 8 ply	4.5–5.5 mm
4	Worsted, aran	Aran, 10 ply	5.5–6.5 mm
5	Bulky, chunky	Chunky, 12 ply	6.5–9 mm
6	Super bulky	Super chunky	9–15 mm
7	Jumbo	Jumbo, roving	15 mm+

The Craft Yarn Council ranges above are a starting point; many patterns go a size smaller (for example 5 mm for worsted) for a firmer fabric. Always check the yarn label and make a swatch.

Hook sizes: metric and US

Metric	US	Metric	US
2.25 mm	B-1	6 mm	J-10
2.75 mm	C-2	6.5 mm	K-10½
3.25 mm	D-3	8 mm	L-11
3.5 mm	E-4	9 mm	M/N-13
3.75 mm	F-5	10 mm	N/P-15
4 mm	G-6	15 mm	P/Q
4.5 mm	7	16 mm	Q
5 mm	H-8	19 mm	S
5.5 mm	I-9		

Reading a pattern

- * … ; rep from *: repeat the steps after the asterisk as the pattern says.
- [ ] or ( ): a group worked together or repeated, e.g. [sc, ch 1] 3 times.
- (24) at the end of a round: the stitch count you should have.
- × 6: repeat the instructions before it six times in that round.

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