

Machine Knitting Abbreviations



Over the years, knitting patterns incorporated many different abbreviations. There was (and still is) very little standardization of terms. If you pick up publications or patterns you may find multiple abbreviations for the same thing.

Listed here are some of the more common abbreviations. Note the multiples.

Adj		Adjacent
Alt		Alternate
A/R		Alternate Row
BB	RB	Back bed (rear bed)
Beg		Beginning
B.O.	BO	Bind off
C		Center
Cam	Carr	Carriage
CB		Center Back
Car(L)	COL	Carriage on left
Car(R)	COR	Carriage on right
CF		Center Front
Chg		Change
Col1		Color 1 (2,3,4 etc)
Cont		Continue
C.C.		Contrasting Color
Cm		Centimeter
C.O.	C/O	Cast On
COBH		Cast on by Hand
Dec(s)		Decrease(s)
Ea.		Each
E/	E	Every
E/N	EN	Every Needle

Shaping Instructions

Rule of thumb is that shaping instructions are written **STITCHES - ROWS - TIMES**.

Examples:

1x6x4

- Decrease or increase 1 stitch every 6 rows 4 times

12; 1x1x6; 1x2x3

- Decrease or increase 12 stitches at one time and knit 2 rows
- Decrease or increase 1 stitch every row 6 times
- Decrease or increase 1 stitch every 2 rows 3 times

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E/O/N or	EON	Every other needle
E/R	ER	Every Row
E/S		Every Stitch
FB		Front Bed
FI		Fair Isle
Foll	Fol	Following
FF		Full Fashioned
G-bar		Garner Bar
G-car		Garner Carriage
H		Half Pitch
H.P.	HO	Holding Position
HWP		Half Working Position
Inc(s)		Increase(s)
Ndl	N	Needle
NWP		Non Working Position
Oppos		Opposite
Oz(s)		Ounce(s)
Patt		Pattern
P		Full Pitch
P		Purl
PC		Punch Card
Pos		Position
PS		Purl Side
PU		Pick Up
R	RT	Right
R(s)		Rows
RB	BB	Rear Bed (Back Bed)
Rem		Remaining

Short Rows

Example:

6x2x4

- Put 6 needles in hold, knit 1 row, wrap the last needle in hold (manual wrap), knit
- 1 row. Repeat 3 more times (total of 4 times)

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R.C.		Row Counter
RS		Right Side
RT		Rib Tension
RTR(k)		Remove, turn, rehang (knit 1 row)
SD		Selector Dial
S/O		Scrap Off
S/R		Short Row or partial knitting
St(s)		Stitches
St s		Stitch size (Passap)
Ten	T	Tension (stitch dial)number)
T.O.		Take off (remove)stitches)
Trans		Transfer
TOG		Together
UA		Underarm
UWP		Upper Working position
W/N		Working Needle
W.P.	WP	Working Position
WS		Wrong Side
WY		Waste Yarn
X		times

Needle Positions

A Out of work position

C or D Needle selector position

B Working position

E Hold position

E position for Brother, Toyota and Artisan

D Position for Studio and Silver

C Upper working position (D on Brother and Artisan Machines)