

Crochet chart symbols — the full key

Every symbol used in crochet stitch diagrams, with its US name, abbreviation and UK equivalent. Symbols are the same worldwide, which is why a chart can be followed in any language while written patterns cannot.

	Chain ch	same in UK		dc2tog dc2tog	UK: tr2tog
	Slip stitch sl st	same in UK		dc3tog dc3tog	UK: tr3tog
	Single crochet sc	UK: Double crochet (dc)		Shell (5 dc) sh	UK: Shell (5 tr)
	Half double crochet hdc	UK: Half treble (htr)		Picot picot	same in UK
	Double crochet dc	UK: Treble (tr)		Front post double crochet FPdc	UK: Front post treble
	Treble crochet tr	UK: Double treble (dtr)		Back post double crochet BPdc	UK: Back post treble
	Double treble crochet dtr	UK: Triple treble (trtr)		Magic ring MR	same in UK

The height of a symbol is information. A taller post means a taller stitch: no bar is a chain, a plain T is a half double, one slash a double, two a treble. And beware **dc** — in US terms it is a double crochet, in UK terms a much shorter stitch. If a pattern says **sc** anywhere, the whole pattern is in US terms.