

# 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.

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