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How to Read Crochet



Crochet Shorthand:

ch = chain
 sc = single crochet
 hdc = half double crochet
 dc = double crochet
 inc = increase (2 stitches in the same space)
 dec = decrease (crochet 2 stitched together)
 sl st = slip stitch
 st = stitch
 blo = back loop only
 flo = front loop only
 yo = yarn over
 yu = yarn under
 sk = skip
 fo = fasten off

All the same thing:

mr = magic ring
 ml = magic loop
 mc = magic circle (& main color)

Less used, but as important:

alt = alternate
 beg = beginning
 bet = between
 BP = back post (e.g., BPdc = back post double crochet)
 cl = cluster (e.g.,
 dc3cl = double crochet 3-stitch cluster)
 cont = continue
 dtr = double treble crochet
 ea = each
 foll = following
 FP = front post (e.g., FPdc = front post double crochet)
 join = join with a slip stitch to form a circle or connect pieces
 lp = loop
 pat = pattern
 pc = popcorn stitch
 pm = place marker
 prev = previous

How to read Crochet Shorthand.

sc 3 means make 1 single crochet in the next 3 spaces.

3 sc means 3 single crochet in the Same Space.
 (Be Aware: Newbie pattern designers confuse sc 3 & 3 sc)

inc x 3 means inc in the next 3 spaces.

() repeat

x2 or **x3** or **x whatever number**, repeat that amount of times.
 , in the next space.

This: (sc 3, inc) x2, sc 2, dec x2, 3 sc, dc 2

Means: sc, sc, sc, inc, sc, sc, sc, inc, sc, sc, dec, dec, sc sc sc, dc, dc
same space

Also Means:

1 single crochet in the next 3 spaces,
 2 single crochet in the same spaces,
 do ^^ that 2 times,
 1 single crochet in the next 2 spaces,
 decrease 2 times,
 3 single crochets in the same space,
 1 double crochet in the next 2 spaces.

NOTE: If the pattern writer is a newbie 3sc could mean anything.
 In Standard Crochet Shorthand, it means 3 sc in one space.

ps = puff stitch
 rem = remaining
 rep = repeat
 rnd = round
 RS = right side
 sm = slip marker
 sp = space
 tch = turning chain
 tr = treble crochet (or triple crochet)
 V-st = V-stitch (e.g., dc, ch 1, dc in the same stitch)
 WS = wrong side