Knit Chart Symbols

Stitch charts in knit and crochet patterns are being used more and more as an addition to or in place of words to describe a pattern stitch. Following are the standardized knit symbols that have been adopted by members of the Craft Yarn Council and are considered to be the clearest and easiest to render and to read. For the most part each symbol represents a stitch as it looks on the right side of the work. Always refer to the pattern key for additional symbol definitions.

- *K on RS, p on WS*
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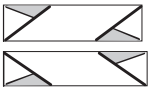
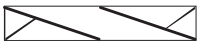
- *P on RS, k on WS on a color chart*
- *Yarn over (yo)*
- *K2tog on RS, p2tog on WS*
- *p2tog on RS, K2tog on WS*
- *SSK on RS, SSP on WS*
- *SSP on RS, SSK on WS*
- *Right-slanting inc*
- *Left-slanting inc*
- *Sl 1 purlwise with yarn at WS of work*
- *Sl 1 purlwise with yarn at RS of work*
- *K3tog on RS, p3tog on WS*
- *SK2P, SSSK on RS, SSSP on WS*
- *S2KP2 on RS, S2PP2 on WS*
- *K1 tbl on RS, p1 tbl on WS*
- *P1 tbl on RS, k1 tbl on WS*
- *Bobble*
- *Sts do not exist in these areas of chart (70% shade)*
- *Make 1 (M1) knitwise on RS, M1 purlwise on WS*
- *Make 1 (M1) purlwise on RS, M1 knitwise on WS*
- *Inc 1-to-3*
- *Inc 1-to-4*
- *Inc 1-to-5*
- *Dec 4-to-1 (right-slanting)*
- *Dec 4-to-1 (left-slanting)*
- *Dec 4-to-1 (vertical)*
- *Dec 5-to-1*
- *K1, wrapping yarn twice around needle*
- *Bind off*


2/1 RPC *Sl 1 to cn, hold to back, k2; p1 from cn*

2/1 LPC *Sl 2 to cn, hold to front, p1; k2 from cn*

2/2 RC *Sl 2 to cn, hold to back, k2; k2 from cn*


2/2 LC *Sl 2 to cn, hold to front, k2; k2 from cn*

2/2 RPC *Sl 2 to cn, hold to back, k2; p2 from cn*

2/2 LPC *Sl 2 to cn, hold to front, p2; k2 from cn*

2/1/2 RPC *Sl 3 to cn, hold to back, k2; sl last st from cn to LH needle and purl it; k2 from cn*

2/1/2 LPC *Sl 3 to cn, hold to front, k2; sl last st from cn to LH needle and purl it; k2 from cn*