

US-UK Crochet Term Conversions

QUICK REFERENCE CHART

With all the gorgeous crochet designs available today, you may have encountered confusion when using a pattern written in "US Terms" versus "UK Terms". There are some significant differences between how stitches are named between the two. This conversion chart will allow you to make the pattern you're after - no matter what country it originated from! Just remember - the stitch itself is the same, just the name is different.

US

UK/AUS

single crochet (sc) = double crochet (dc)

half double crochet (hdc) = half treble crochet (htr)

double crochet (dc) = treble crochet (tr)

treble crochet (tr) = double treble crochet (dtr)

double treble crochet (dtr) = triple treble crochet (trtr)

triple treble crochet (trtr) = quadruple treble crochet (qtr)

reverse single crochet (rev sc) = reverse double crochet (rev dc)

single crochet dec (sc2tog) = double crochet dec (dc2tog)

yarn over (yo) = yarn over hook (yoh)

gauge = tension

skip = miss

OTHER HELPFUL TIPS

What if the pattern doesn't specify US or UK?

This is especially common with vintage patterns. Try these two strategies to identify in what terms the pattern is written:

1) Is there a single crochet (sc) in the pattern? If yes, then it is written in US Terms as UK doesn't use that term.

OR

2) Remember to check the pattern for the usage of the terms "gauge vs. tension" or "skip vs. miss". Patterns written in US terms would use "gauge" and "skip". UK terms would use "tension" and "miss".

What's up with the different logic?

The US stitch terminology is based on how many yarn overs are required to make the stitch (US dc uses two yarn overs, US tr uses three yarn overs, etc). The UK stitch terminology is based on how many loops are on your hook when pulling up your loop (UK dc has two loops on the hook, UK tr has three loops on the hook)