MOST COMMON KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS

on Description
work instructions within brackets as many times as directed
work instructions within parentheses in the place as directed
repeat instructions following the asterisks as directed
repeat instructions following the single asterisk as directed
inch(es)
approximately
begin / beginning
between
contrasting color
centimeter(s)
decrease / decreases / decreasing
double pointed needle(s)
follow / follows / following
gram
increase / increases / increasing
Knit
knit 2 stitches together

loops
meter(s)
make one – an increase – several increases can be described as "M1"
main color
millimeter(s)
ounce(s)
purl
patt pattern(s)
purl 2 stitches together
pass slipped stitch over
remain / remaining
repeat(s)
reverse stockinette stitch
round(s)
right side
skip
slip, knit, pass stitch over – one stitch decreased
slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over the knit 2 together; 2 stitches have been decreased

sk2p	slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slip stitch over the knit 2 together; 2 stitches have been decreased
sl	slip
sl1k	slip 1 knitwise
sl1p	slip 1 purlwise
sl st	slip stitch
ssk	Slip, slip, knit these 2 stitches together – a decrease
st(s)	stitch(es)
st st	stockinette stitch / stocking stitch
tbl	through back loop
tog	together
WS	wrong side
wyib	with yarn in back
wyif	with yarn in front
yd(s)	yard(s)
yfwd	yarn forward
yo	yarn over