<Tips for working with Japanese charts and schematics>

* Japanese stitch patterns are charted by showing all the symbols from the RS, therefore the stitches worked from the WS is worked so that they will appear accordingly on the RS

* Number of rows for pattern repeats are indicated along the right hand side of the chart and the number of stitches along the bottom

* The beginning of a stitch pattern may differ depending on size. In such cases, the beginning for each size is indicated with an arrow at the bottom of the chart.

* Measurements for Japanese schematics is based on the metric system; i.e., centimeters (2.5cm = 1 inch, 10cms = 4 inches)

* Numbers given without parenthesis are measurements. Those in parenthesis indicate the number of stitches or rows

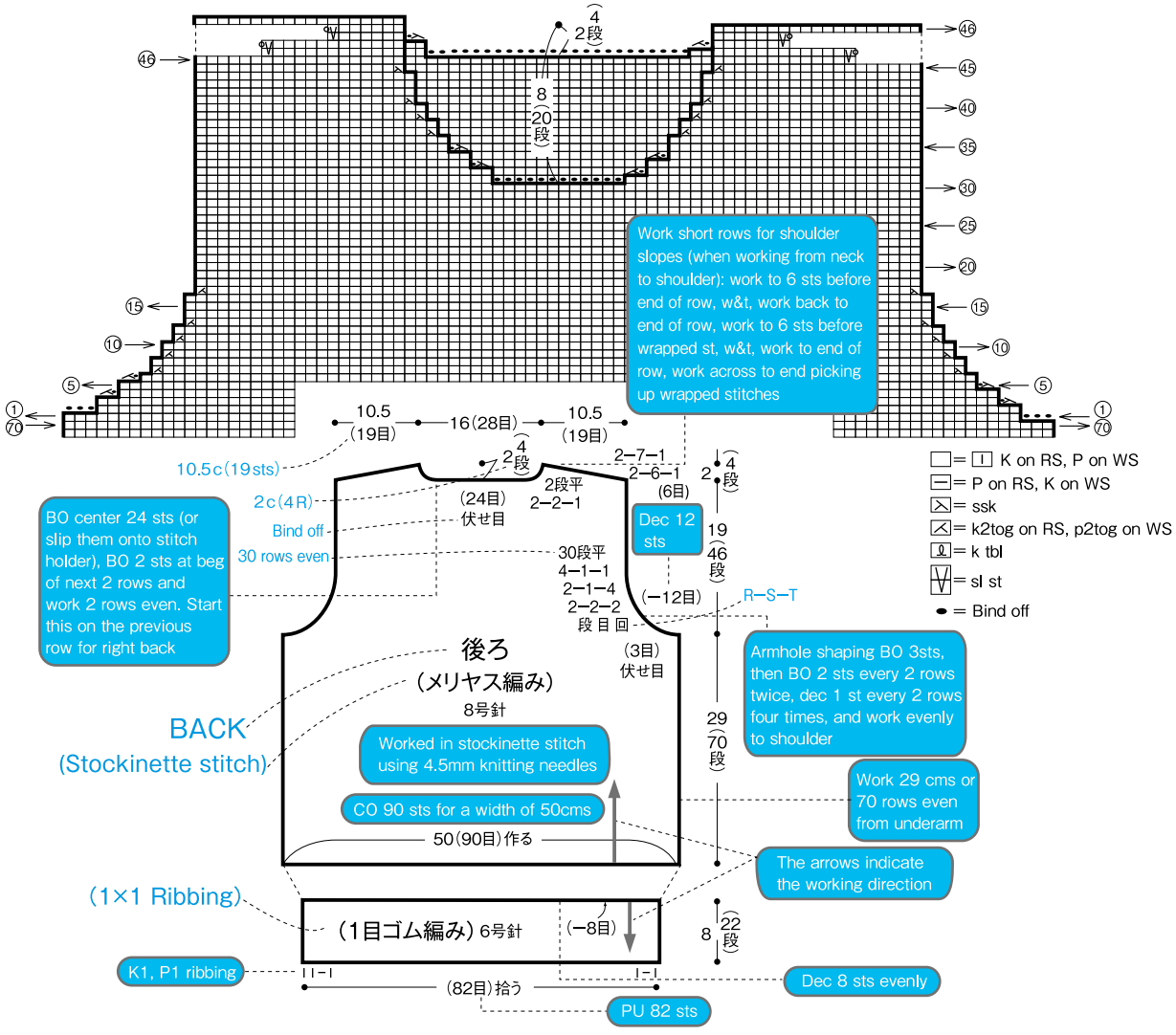
* Be sure to check needle size based on its metric size.

* Stitches that are cast on / picked up are counted as one row

* When working direction for the main part of the piece and ribbing are facing opposite directions, this means that the main part is worked first with provisional cast on and the ribbing is added later by picking up stitches from the cast on stitches.

* When the front and back are worked separately, selvage stitch for joining the pieces are already included in the stitch count.

How to read Japanese charts



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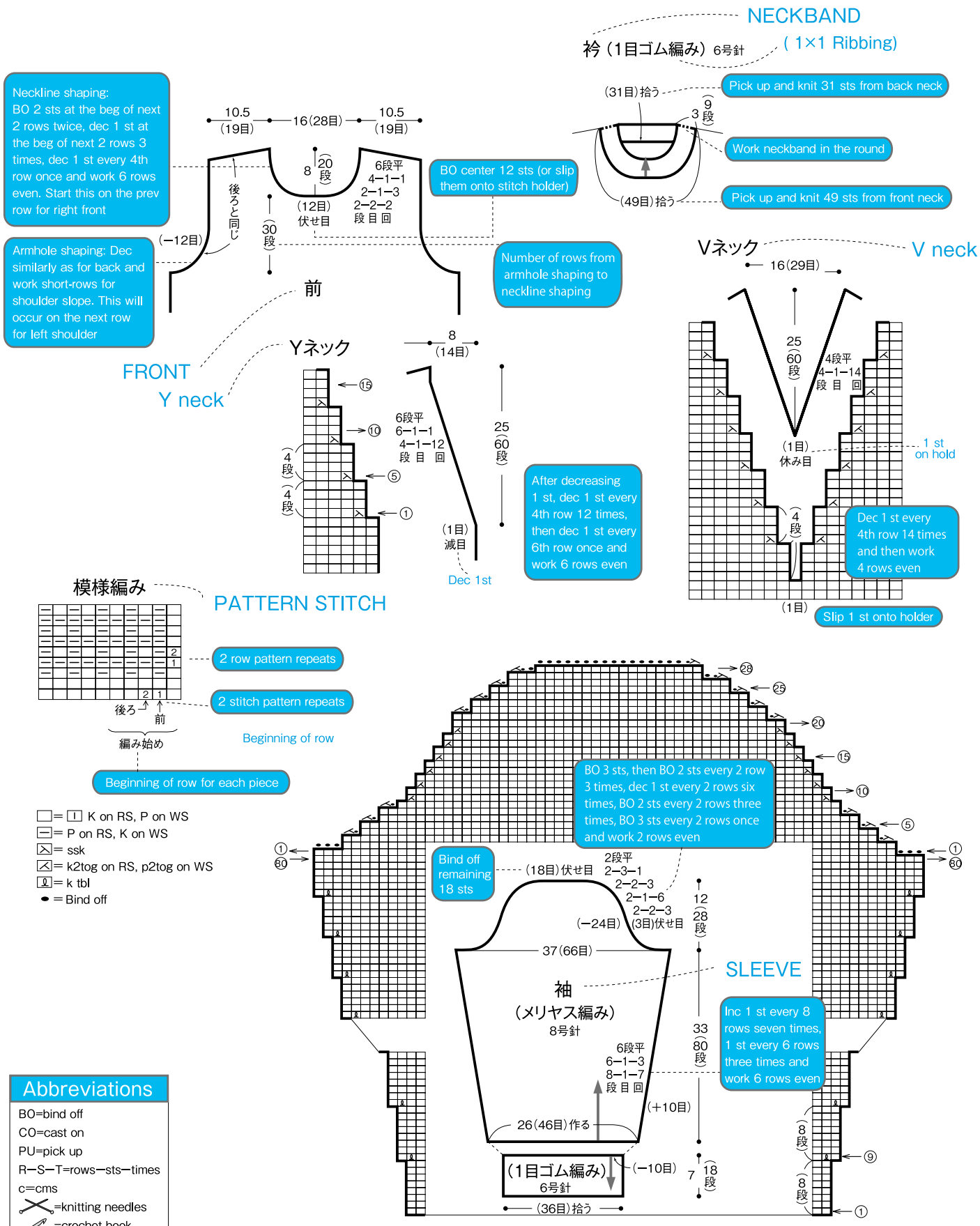

Shaping is to be done similarly for both sides. However, inc or dec involving more than 2 sts cannot be done on both sides on the same row.
In this case, it will be done at the beg of the following row.
Neckline shaping will begin on the right side one row before the left side.

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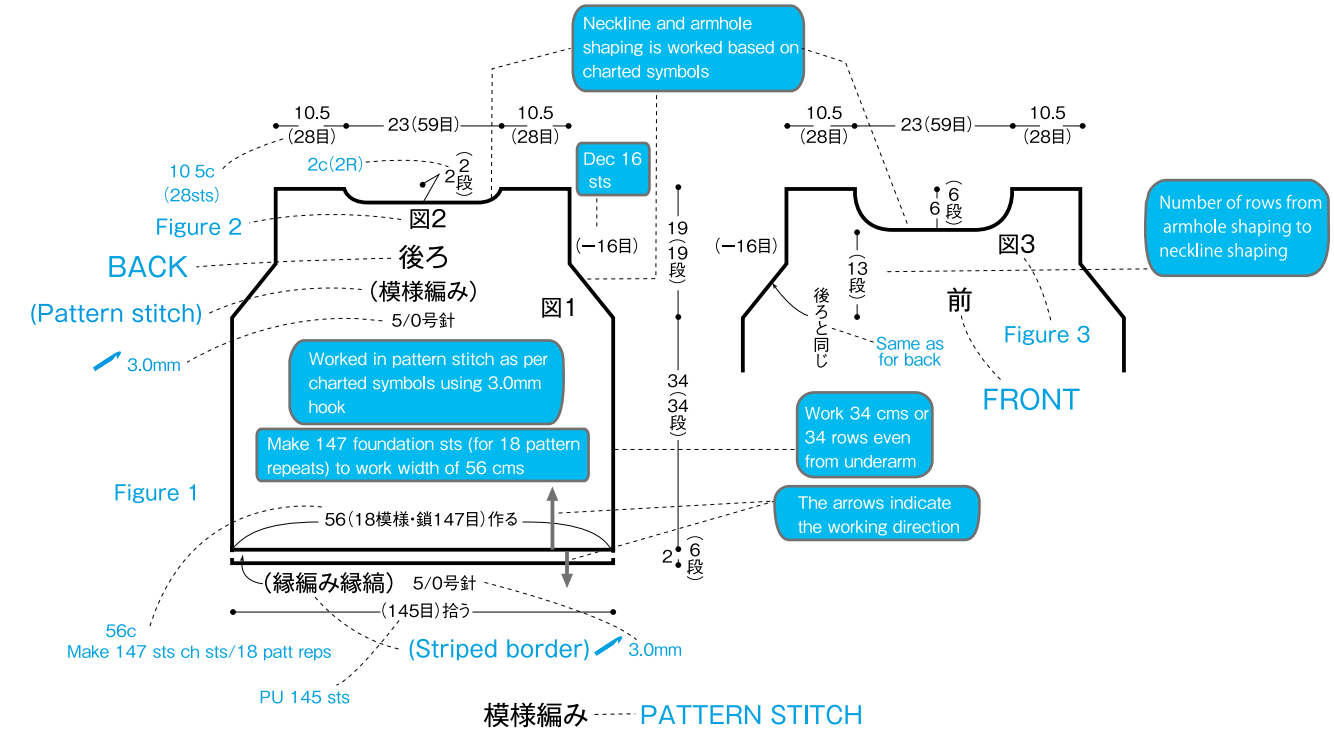

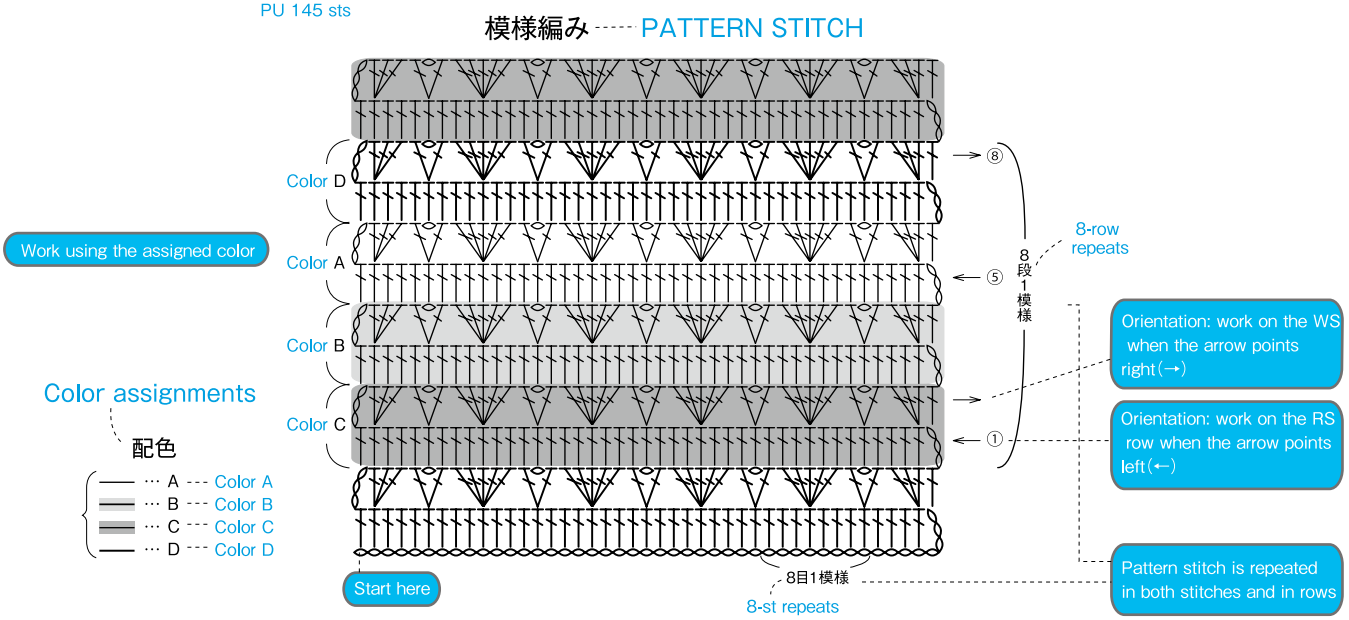

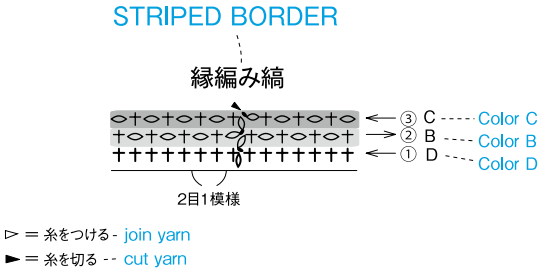

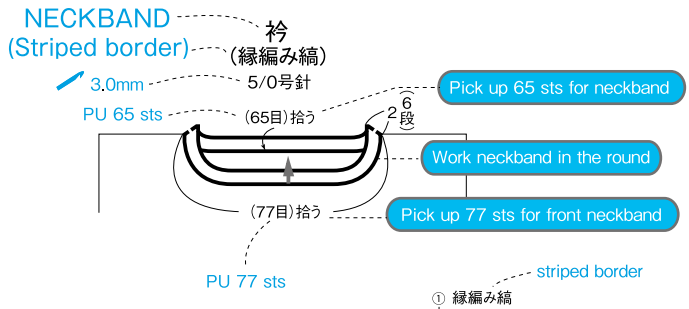

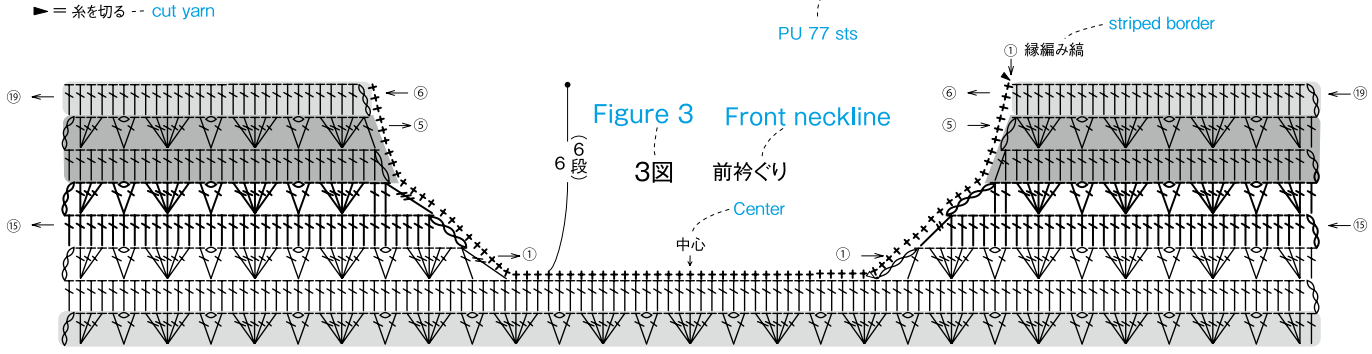

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Basic stitches

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet
tr	treble (triple) crochet
dtr	double treble crochet
tr tr	treble (triple) treble crochet

Variations of single crochet

twisted sc	twisted single crochet
spike rev sc	spike reverse single crochet
rev sc	reverse single crochet (crab stitch)
(when worked flat) sc into blo for every row	(when worked flat) single crochet into back loop only for every row
(when worked flat) sc into blo in 1st row and flo in 2nd, rep these two rows	(when worked flat) single crochet into back loop only in 1st row and front loop only in 2nd, repeat these two rows
(when worked flat) hdc into blo in 1st row and flo in 2nd, rep these two rows	(when worked flat) half-double crochet into back loop only in 1st row and front loop only in 2nd, repeat these two rows
(when worked flat) dc into blo in 1st row and flo in 2nd, rep these two rows	(when worked flat) double crochet into back loop only in 1st row and front loop only in 2nd, repeat these two rows

Puff stitch (Bobble)

hdc3tog into same st	half-double crochet 3 stitches together into same stitch
hdc3tog into sp	half-double crochet 3 stitches together into space
variation of hdc3tog into same st	variation of half-double crochet 3 stitches together into one stitch (Instead of drawing through all loops on stitches, draw through so that the 1st loop on hook remains, yo and then draw through the last 2 loops on
variation of hdc3tog into same sp	variation of half-double crochet 3 stitches together into space (Instead of drawing through all loops on stitches, draw through so that the 1st loop on hook remains, yo and then draw through the last 2 loops on
dc3tog into same st	double crochet 3 stitches together into same stitch
dc3tog into sp	double crochet 3 stitches together into space
dc5tog into same st	double crochet 5 stitches together into same stitch
dc5tog into sp	double crochet 5 stitches together into space
tr5tog into same st	treble crochet 5 stitches together into same stitch

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Popcorn

5-dc popcorn	5 double crochet popcorn
5-dc popcorn into sp	5 double crochet popcorn into space
5-hdc popcorn	5 half-double crochet popcorn
5-tr popcorn	5 treble popcorn

Clusters

sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together
sc3tog skipping 2nd st	single crochet 3 stitches together skipping 2nd stitch
sc3tog	single crochet 3 stitches together
hdc2tog	half-double crochet 2 stitches together
hdc2tog into sp	half-double crochet 2 stitches together into space
hdc3tog	half-double crochet 3 stitches together
hdc3tog into sp	half-double crochet 3 stitches together into space
dc2tog	double crochet 2 stitches together
dc2tog into sp	double crochet 2 stitches together into space
dc3tog	double crochet 3 stitches together
dc3tog into sp	double crochet 3 stitches together into space
dc4tog	double crochet 4 stitches together
dc5tog	double crochet 5 stitches together

Increases

2 sc into same st	2 single crochet into same stitch
3 sc into same st	3 single crochet into same stitch
(1 sc, ch 1, 1 sc) into same st	(1 single crochet, 1 chain, 1 single crochet) into same stitch
2 hdc into same st	2 half-double crochet into same stitch
2 hdc into sp	2 half-double crochet into same space
3 hdc into same st	3 half-double crochet into same stitch
3 hdc into sp	3 half-double crochet into same space
2 dc into same st	2 double crochet into same stitch
2 dc into same sp	2 double crochet into same space
(1 dc, ch 1, 1dc) into same st	(1 double crochet, 1 chain, 1 double crochet) into same stitch
(1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) into same sp	(1 double crochet, 1 chain, 1 double crochet) into same space
3 dc into same st	3 double crochet into same stitch
3 dc into same sp	3 double crochet into same space

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Shell (Fan)

5 dc into same st = 1 shell

5 double crochet in same stitch = 1 shell

Variations of shell stitch

sc, *3 ch, 3 dc into same st as 1st sc, sk next 3 sts and sc into 4th st, rep from *

sc, *3 ch, 3 dc into the post of 1st sc, sk next 3 sts and sc into 4th st, rep from *

sc, *3 hdc into the post of 1st sc, ch 1, sk next 2 sts and sc into 3rd st, rep from *

Crosses

*sk 2 sts, dc in next st, working around dc just made dc in 2nd of the two skipped sts, ch 1, rep from *

sk 2 sts, *dc in next st, ch 1, working around dc just made dc in 1st of the two skipped sts, ch 1, sk 3 sts, rep from *

Post stitches

fpsc — Front Post Single Crochet

bpsc — Back Post Single Crochet

fphdc — Front Post Half-double Crochet

bphdc — Back Post Half-double Crochet

fpdc — Front Post Double Crochet

bpdc — Back Post Double Crochet

Loop stitches

sc loop st — single crochet loop st

dc loop st — double crochet loop st

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