

# Increases and Decreases

## Increases

### KFB (Left-leaning):

(This increase causes a little purl bump to appear when you work it, so be mindful of this. It can be decorative or unsightly, depending on your project.)

Knit stitch as normal but do not drop it off the left-hand needle. Insert the right-hand needle into the back leg of the same stitch and knit it again, allowing both loops to drop off the left needle.

### KRL or Knit Right Loop (Right-leaning):

Insert right needle into the right leg of the stitch just below the next stitch. Place it on your left needle and knit it as normal.

### KLL or Knit Left Loop (Left-leaning):

Insert left needle into left leg of stitch two rows below the last completed stitch, knit this stitch through the back loop.

## Make One Stitches:

Note:

If a pattern indicates a M1 and does not specify right or left, you will use the M1L as this is the standard M1 increase.

### M1R (m1, right leaning):

Bring the tip of the left-hand needle under the strand between stitches, *from back to front*. Knit this stitch as normal.

### M1L (m1, left leaning):

Bring the tip of the left-hand needle under the strand between stitches, *from front to back*. Knit this stitch through the back loop.

## Working Yarn Over Increases Without Creating a Hole:

Note:

This particular set of increases is reserved exclusively for when you are working in the round. You perform the YO on the first round and close the stitch on the second round.

### YO (Right-leaning):

YO backward. Knit this stitch as normal next round.

### YO (Left-leaning):

YO normally. Knit this stitch through the back loop on the next round.

## Decreases

### **K2Tog (Leans Right):**

Insert right-hand needle into the next two stitches. Knit them together as one.

### **SKP (Leans Left):**

Slip one stitch knitwise, knit one, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch.

### **SSK (Leans Left):**

Slip two stitches knitwise (one at a time) onto the right-hand needle. Insert your left-hand needle into the slipped stitches and knit them together from where they lie.