

## How to Read Knitting Patterns

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Learning to read knitting patterns for the first time can be a daunting task; it looks like another language! In this free article, we'll tackle all the basics of reading a knitting pattern. From sizes to brackets and asterisks, we'll demystify intimidating knitting lingo.

Now that you understand pattern abbreviations, understanding knitting patterns will be so much easier. Because you understand how to increase and decrease stitches, you can tackle patterns for sweaters and knit tops. Once you know how to read sizes, asterisks, and brackets, you'll be able to tackle any knitting pattern.



### **SIZING ( )**

Patterns will either be written to fit one size or fit multiple sizes. If the knitting pattern is written for multiple sizes, it will look something like this: Child's size: 2 (4-6) or Child's size: 2 (4, 6)

Here's what that means:

Let's say that you're making the child's size 4. As you work through the instructions, there will come a point where the instructions say something like: With smaller needles, Cast On 52 (58-64) sts or With smaller needles, Cast On 52 (58, 64) sts.