

### Slip, Slip, Knit Variation (ssk)



This variation on [ssk](#) is often attributed to Elizabeth Zimmerman and Meg Swansen.

This is a left-leaning decrease.

It looks the same on the right side as [ssp](#).

It mirrors with the right-leaning decrease [k2tog](#).



Slip one stitch as if to knit.



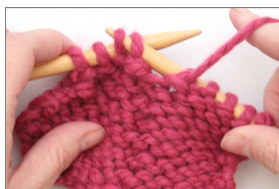
Slip a second stitch as if to purl.



Insert the left needle into the front of the slipped stitches and knit. Since you don't re-orient the left-hand stitch when you slip it as if to purl, it is twisted as it lies under the right-hand stitch. Proponents of this variation say the decrease is smoother, and a better mirror image of the k2tog.

### Decrease How Tos:

#### Right-Leaning Single Decreases



[Knit Two Together](#)

[Purl Two Together](#)

### Left-Leaning Single Decreases



[Slip, Slip, Knit](#)

[Slip, Slip, Knit  
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[Knit Two Together  
Through the Back  
Loops](#)

[Purl Two Together  
Through the Back  
Loops](#)

[Slip, Knit, Pass  
Slipped Stitch Over](#)

### Right-Leaning Double Decreases



[Knit Three](#)

[Together](#)

[Purl Three  
Together](#)

### Left-Leaning Double Decreases



[Slip, Slip, Slip, Knit](#)

[Slip, Slip, Slip, Purl](#)

[Slip One, Knit Two  
Together, Pass  
Slipped Stitch Over](#)

### Centered Double Decrease



[Centered Double Decrease](#)

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