

Slip, Slip, Slip, Purl (sssp)

This is a left-leaning decrease.
It looks the same on the right side as [sssk](#), and [sl1, k2tog, pssso](#).
It mirrors with the right-leaning decrease [p3tog](#).



Slip three stitches, one at a time as if to knit.



Slip the three slipped stitches back to the left needle in their new orientation.



Purl them together through the back loops.

Decrease How Tos:

Right-Leaning Single Decreases



[Knit Two Together](#) [Purl Two Together](#)

Left-Leaning Single Decreases



[Slip, Slip, Knit](#)

[Slip, Slip, Knit
Variation](#)

[Slip, Slip, Purl](#)



[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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