

French Beading Abbreviations for Lauren Harpster Designs

Some of the technique names we use in French Beading are very long. It can get tedious to type or write them out over and over, or even say them out loud in a conversation. To shorten patterns, many designers use abbreviations, or acronyms. Just like every designer writes and formats their patterns differently, we also sometimes have different abbreviations or even different names for the same technique. It's just our own language that helps us relate to our own work in a way that makes sense to us. There are many that are common throughout all or most designers, though. Not all techniques are listed, because some techniques don't have abbreviations. If you are working with a book from a different author, I would suggest looking through that book to see if they have a list of the abbreviations used for reference.

This is a list of the abbreviations I use either occasionally or often in my patterns (and some that will be used in future designs). I will update this list if it grows. In more recent publications I started the practice of including the abbreviations with the "Techniques Used" list found at the beginning of my patterns.

B

BBF → Bent Basic Frame (aka Beehive Basic Frame)
BF → Basic Frame
BR → Basic Row
BW → Bottom Wire

C

CBF → Continuous Basic Frame
CCL → Continuous Crossover Loops
CL → Continuous Loops
CWL → Continuous Wraparound Loops

F

FL → Fringe Loop

H

HBF → Horizontal Basic Frame

L

LB → Loop-Back
LF → Loop Fringe

O

OBF - Open Basic Frame

P

PB → Pointed Bottom
PT → Pointed Top

R

RB → Round Bottom
RT → Round Top
RW → Reverse Wrap

S

SF → Spoke Frame
SBF → Split Basic Frame
SB → Spacer Bead

T

TF → Twisted Fringes
TW → Top Wire

V

VCBF → Vertical Continuous Basic Frame

W

WBF → Wire-back Fringe

Y

YF → Y-Frame