Every knot $K$ in a 3-manifold $M$ can be decomposed via a bridge splitting; that is, $(M, K)$ can be expressed as the union of two simple pieces along a surface. Using the topology of the attaching map, we may define an integer complexity of such a splitting using the pants complex related to the bridge surface. In the case that $K$ is hyperbolic, we discuss evidence of a relationship between this complexity and the volume of the complement of the knot. (Received January 15, 2012)