

Babar



Babar stands 11 inches tall. He is knit in the round with worsted weight yarn, and in one piece from the neck down, so there is very little seaming required. The knitter has the option of making him with his trunk up or down; both versions are included in this pattern.

Gauge is not critical for a stuffed toy, but should be the same for both his body and his green suit, should you decide to make it.

Instructions for Babar, his green suit, a bowler hat, king's cape, and crown are all included.

Materials Required

Worsted weight yarn in light gray – about 180 yards
Worsted weight yarn in white – about 3 yards
Size 4 double pointed needles
Stitch markers – 4
Darning needle
Stuffing

Abbreviations

CO	cast on
dpn	double pointed needle
K	knit
P	purl
pm	place a stitch marker
sm	slip marker
M1	make one stitch (see special note below)
M1R	make one stitch to the right (see special note below)
M1L	make one stitch to the left (see special note below)
st	stitch
sts	stitches
Kfb	knit in the front and the back of the next stitch
Kfbf	knit in the front, back, and front again of the next stitch
K2tog	knit two stitches together
K3tog	knit three stitches together
S1kw	slip one stitch knit-wise
SSK	slip two sts knit-wise, place them back onto left dpn, then K them together through the back loop
PU	pick up (create) a new stitch from existing work
WT	wrap and turn
YO	yarn over

Special Notes

- M1 = make one stitch: Lift the right “leg” of the next stitch (the right side of the stitch directly below the next stitch on your left needle), place it on the left needle, then knit it as you would any other stitch.
- M1R = make one stitch to the right: Lift the strand between the needles from back to front, then knit the lifted loop through the front.
- M1L = make one stitch to the left: Lift the strand between the needles from front to back, then knit the lifted loop through the back.
- WT = after knitting the specified number of stitches, bring yarn to the front of work, slip the next st on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the back of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. This “wraps” the stitch. Turn your work and purl the number of stitches indicated. Bring yarn to the back of work, slip the next st on the left dpn to the right one, move yarn to the front of your work, and slip the stitch back to the left needle. This wraps the second stitch. Knit to end of round.

Body

CO 33 sts onto 3 dpns and work the following rounds:

- 1) K6, pm, K6, pm, K9, pm, K6, pm, K6
- 2) (K to 1 st before marker, M1, K1, sm, M1) repeat to last 6 sts, K6
- 3) K all sts

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until there are a total of 97 sts, separated between the markers as:

14 – 22 – 25 – 22 – 14. End after a plain knit round. Then work the rounds below, removing markers as you reach them on round 1:

- 1) K14, slip next 22 sts onto scrap yarn, K25, slip next 22 sts onto scrap yarn, K14 (53 sts)
- 2-16) K all sts
- 17) K26, place next 27 sts onto scrap yarn, CO 10 sts to a third dpn (36 sts)
- 18-21) K all sts
- 22) (K7, K2tog) repeat to end
- 23-24) K all sts
- 25) (K6, K2tog) repeat to end
- 26-41) K all sts
- 42) Cast off

Place live sts from the other leg onto 2 dpns. Knit across them, then CO 9 sts to a third dpn and work rounds 18-42 above.

Turn body inside out. The hole between the legs is now seamed closed by holding the sides together and working front to back (or back to front). This seam will cause the legs to appear crooked when done, but after stuffing, they will be straight and the seam barely visible.

Turn body right side out again. Place live sts from scrap yarn at one of the arms onto 2 dpns. With a third dpn, PU 3 sts from underneath arm. Knit all sts for 18 rounds. Cast off. Repeat for the other arm. Darn small holes beneath the arms; weave in loose ends, stuff.

Leg Caps (make 2)

CO 6 sts onto 1 dpn and work the following rows back and forth with a second dpn:

- 1) P all sts
- 2) Kfb, K4, Kfb
- 3) P all sts
- 4) K all sts
- 5) P all sts
- 6) K all sts
- 7) P all sts
- 8) SSK, K4, K2tog
- 9) P all sts
- 10) Cast off

Weave in loose end, and using the tail from the CO sts, sew to end of leg.

Arm Caps (make 2)

CO 5 sts onto 1 dpn and work the following rows back and forth with a second dpn:

- 1) P all sts
- 2) Kfb, K3, Kfb
- 3) P all sts
- 4) K all sts
- 5) P all sts
- 6) K all sts
- 7) P all sts
- 8) SSK, K3, K2tog
- 9) P all sts
- 10) Cast off

Weave in loose end, and using the tail from the CO sts, sew to end of arm.

Head with Trunk Up

CO 30 sts onto 3 dpns and work the following rounds:

- 1) K all sts
- 2) (M1, K2) repeat to end of round
- 3-4) K all sts
- 5) (M1, K5) repeat to end of round
- 6-15) K all sts
- 16) K5, place next 16 sts onto scrap yarn (for ear opening), CO 14 sts, K12, place next 16 sts onto scrap yarn, CO 14 sts, K5
- 17-18) K all sts
- 19) (K5, K2tog) twice, K22, (K2tog, K5) twice
- 20) K all sts
- 21) (K4, K2tog) twice, K22, (K2tog, K4) twice
- 22) K all sts
- 23) (K3, K2tog) twice, K22, (K2tog, K3) twice
- 24) K all sts
- 25) (K2, K2tog) twice, K22, (K2tog, K2) twice
- 26) K all sts
- 27) (K1, K2tog) twice, K22, (K2tog, K1) twice
- 28) K all sts
- 29) (K2tog) twice, K22, (K2tog) twice
- 30) K all sts
- 31) K6, place next 4 sts onto scrap yarn (for tusk opening), CO 4, K6, place next 4 sts onto scrap yarn, CO4, K6
- 32-33) K all sts
- 34) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 35-36) K all sts
- 37) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 38) K14, WT, P6, WT, K to end of round
- 39) K all sts
- 40) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog

- 41) K13, WT, P6, WT, K to end of round
- 42) K all sts
- 43) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 44) K11, WT, P4, WT, K to end of round
- 45) K all sts
- 46) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 47) K9, WT, P2, WT, K to end of round
- 48) K all sts
- 49) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 50) K8, WT, P2, WT, K to end of round
- 51) K all sts
- 52) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 53) K7, WT, P2, WT, K to end of round
- 54) K all sts
- 55) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 56) K5, (WT) twice, K to end of round
- 57) K all sts
- 58) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 59-61) K all sts

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts, pulled closed, and secure end.

Ears

Place 16 live sts from scrap yarn onto a dpn. PU 2 sts on one side, 14 at CO edge, and 2 at other side. Total sts for ear = 34. Divide the sts up onto 3 or 4 dpns to make knitting easier.

Knit all sts in the round for 10 rounds, then work the decrease rounds: K2tog the top 2 sts of ear, K to bottom 2 sts of ear, then K2tog again. Before working the K2tog's, check on each round to make sure it is the top/bottom of ear, as this position will change slightly from round to round. Continue to decrease in this manner (total of 2 sts decreased each round) until 22 sts remain.

Divide remaining sts evenly onto 2 dpns which run from top to bottom of ear. Graft them together using The Kitchener stitch. Repeat all instructions for the other ear.

Tusks

Place 4 live sts from scrap yarn onto a dpn. With white yarn – PU 1 st on one side, 4 at CO edge, and 1 at other side. Total sts for tusk = 10. Divide the sts up onto 3 or 4 dpns to make knitting easier. Work the following rounds:

- 1-2) K all sts
- 3) (K2tog) repeat to end
- 4-6) K all sts

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts, pulled closed, and secure end. Stuff the trunk very loosely, and stuff the head to about 1 inch from the open end (ears and tusks are not to be stuffed).

Back of Head

PU 30 sts in original head CO sts, and work the following rounds:

- 1) K all sts
- 2) (K1, K2tog) repeat
- 3) K all sts
- 4) (K2tog) repeat

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts. Before pulling closed, add additional stuffing to the back of the head until desired shape. Pull tightly closed and secure end.

Position head on top of neck opening with trunk centered at chest, and back of head extending slightly beyond neck opening. Sew in place.

Head with Trunk Down

Work rounds 1-34 of the "Trunk Up" head, then work the following rounds:

- 35) K3, WT, P6, WT, K3 (you should now be back at beginning of round)
- 36) K all sts
- 37) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 38) K3, WT, P6, WT, K3
- 39) K all sts
- 40) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 41) K3, WT, P6, WT, K3
- 42) K all sts
- 43) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 44) K3, WT, P6, WT, K3
- 45) K all sts
- 46) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 47) K3, WT, P6, WT, K3
- 48) K all sts
- 49) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 50) K3, WT, P6, WT, K3
- 51) K all sts
- 52) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 53) K2, WT, P4, WT, K2
- 54-55) K all sts
- 56) K2, WT, P4, WT, K2
- 57) K all sts
- 58) K2tog, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 59) K2, WT, P4, WT, K2
- 60-63) K all sts

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts, pull closed, and secure end. Knit ears, tusks, and back of head as written above. Trunk should be stuffed very loosely to ensure it hangs down instead of pointing straight out. Eyes can be embroidered on, or made from buttons.

Green Suit and Bowler Hat



Materials Required

Worsted weight yarn in Kelly green – about 180 yards
(100% wool is recommended, so that it will retain its shape when wet-blocked)
Worsted weight yarn in black – about 10 yards
Size 4 double pointed needles
Size 4 straight needles
3 small black buttons
Darning needle

Pants

CO 54 sts onto 3 dpns and work the following rounds:

- 1-5) (K1, P1) repeat to end of round
- 6-17) K all sts
- 18) K27, place next 27 sts on scrap yarn, CO 10 sts
- 19-36) K all sts
- 37) Cast off

Place 27 sts from scrap onto 2 dpns and then knit across them. CO 10 sts to a third dpn. Knit all sts for 18 rounds, cast off.

Turn pants inside out and seam hole the same as for the body.

Coat

CO 24 sts onto a straight needle and work the following rows back and forth:

- 1) P1, pm, P6, pm, P10, pm, P6, pm, P1
- 2) Kfbf, sm, M1, K to 1 st before second marker, M1, K1, sm, M1, K to 1 st before third marker, M1, K1, sm, M1, K to 1 st before last marker, M1, K1, sm, Kfbf
- 3) P all sts
- 4) S1kw, M1R, K to 1 st before first marker, M1, K1, sm, M1, K to 1 st before second marker, M1, K1, sm, M1, K to 1 st before third marker, M1, K1, sm, M1, K to 1 st before last marker, M1, K1, sm, M1, K to 1 st remaining on row, M1L, P1
- 5) S1kw, P to end

Repeat last 2 rows until there are a total of 84 sts, separated between the markers as:

13 – 18 – 22 – 18 – 13, then work the following rows:

- 1) S1kw, K to 1 st before first marker, M1, K1, sm, M1, K to 1 st before second marker, M1, K1, sm, M1, K to 1 st before third marker, M1, K1, sm, M1, K to 1 st before last marker, M1, K1, sm, M1, K to last st, P1
- 2) S1kw, P to end

Repeat last 2 rows one more time. There should be a total of 100 sts, separated between the markers as: 15 – 22 – 26 – 22 – 15. Work the following rows, removing the markers as you reach them on the first row:

- 1) S1kw, K to first marker, place next 22 sts on scrap yarn, CO1 st to the tip of the working needle, K26, place next 22 sts on scrap yarn, CO1 st to the tip of the working needle, K to last st, P1 (58 sts total)
- 2) S1kw, P to end
- 3) S1kw, K to last st, P1
- 4) S1kw, P to end

Repeat last 2 rows 3 more times, then work the following rows:

- 1) SSK, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 2) P all sts

Repeat last 2 rows until 48 sts remain. On the next right side row work the following row:

SSK, cast off all sts until only 2 remain, K2tog

Place live sts from one of the sleeves back onto 2 dpns. With a third dpn PU 3 sts at bottom of sleeve. K all sts for 17 rounds, then cast off. Repeat for the other sleeve. Darn small holes and weave in ends.

Vest

Babar's vest is worked flat, and in one piece from the bottom up. There are four sections: bottom, right side, center, and left side.

Bottom of vest – CO 61 sts onto a straight needle and work the following rows:

- 1) S1kw, P to end
- 2) S1kw, K to last st, P1
- 3) S1kw, P to end
- 4) S1kw, K1, YO, K2tog, K to last st, P1
- 5) S1kw, P to end
- 6) S1kw, K to last st, P1
- 7) S1kw, P to end
- 8) S1kw, K to last st, P1
- 9) S1kw, P to end
- 10) S1kw, K to last st, P1
- 11) S1kw, P to end
- 12) S1kw, K1, YO, K2tog, K to last st, P1
- 13) S1kw, P to end

Right side of vest – worked back and forth on the first 17 sts of bottom section:

- 1) S1kw, K15, P1 (turn work)
- 2) S1kw, P to end
- 3) S1kw, K14, K2tog
- 4) P all sts
- 5) S1kw, K13, K2tog
- 6) P all sts
- 7) S1kw, K1, YO, K2tog, K9, K2tog
- 8) P all sts
- 9) SSK, K to last st, P1
- 10) S1kw, P to end

Repeat last 2 rows until 6 sts remain. Next right side row: SSK, cast off to end.

Center of vest – worked back and forth on the next 27 sts of bottom section:

- 1) S1kw, K25, P1 (turn work)
- 2) S1kw, P to end
- 3) SSK, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 4) P all sts

Repeat last 2 rows until 17 sts remain, then work the following rows:

- 1) S1kw, K to last st, P1
- 2) S1kw, P to end

Work last 2 rows 4 more times each (ending after a purl row), cast off.

Left side of vest – worked back and forth on the last 17 sts of bottom section:

- 1) S1kw, K to last st, P1
- 2) S1kw, P to end
- 3) SSK, K to last st, P1
- 4) S1kw, P to end
- 5) SSK, K to last st, P1
- 6) S1kw, P to end
- 7) SSK, K to last st, P1
- 8) S1kw, P to end
- 9) S1kw, K to last 2 sts, K2tog
- 10) P all sts

Repeat last 2 rows until 6 sts remain. Next right side row: S1kw, cast off all sts until 2 remain, K2tog. Weave in loose ends. Sew cast off edges from the right and left sides to the outer edges of the center section.

- Pants, coat, and vest will need to be wet-blocked in order to keep the edges from rolling.

After drying, sew buttons to the left side of vest.

Bowler Hat

With black yarn, CO 24 sts onto 3 dpns and work the following rounds:

- 1-9) K all sts
- 10) (K2tog) repeat to end of round

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live sts and pulled tightly closed. Insert darning needle down through center hole and secure to inside of hat.

PU 24 sts in original CO sts, then work the following rounds:

- 1) (Kfb, K1) repeat to end of round
- 2) K all sts
- 3) Cast off

Cast off edge will roll inward, creating brim. Bowler hat can be seamed to top of Babar's head, if desired.

King's Cape and Crown



Materials Required

Worsted weight yarn in red – about 50 yards
(100% wool is recommended, so that it will retain its shape when wet-blocked)
Chunky weight yarn in white – about 20 yards (or worsted weight held double)
Worsted weight yarn in black – about 2 yards
Worsted weight yarn in yellow-orange – about 10 yards
Size 4 double pointed needles
Size 4 straight needles
Darning needle

King's Cape

With red yarn, CO 66 sts onto a straight needle and work the following rows back and forth:

- 1) S1kw, P to end
- 2) S1kw, K to last st, P1

Repeat these two rows for 10 inches, then work the following rows:

- 1) (K4, K2tog) repeat to end
- 2) P all sts
- 3) (K3, K2tog) repeat to end
- 4) P all sts
- 5) (K2, K2tog) repeat to end

Cast off on P side. Wet block to prevent excessive curling of bottom and sides.

With white yarn, CO 60 sts onto a straight needle, and work the following rows back and forth:

- 1) S1kw, P to end
- 2) S1kw, K to last st, P1
- 3) S1kw, P to end
- 4) S1kw, K to last st, P1
- 5) S1kw, P to end
- 6) S1kw, K3, K2tog, (K8, K2tog) repeat to last 4 sts, K3, P1
- 7-11) Repeat rows 1-5
- 12) S1kw, K3, K2tog, (K7, K2tog) repeat to last 3 sts, K2, P1
- 13-17) Repeat rows 1-5
- 18) S1kw, K2, K2tog, (K6, K2tog) repeat to last 3 sts, K2, P1
- 19) S1kw, P to end

Cast off. Embroider black marks as pictured. Sew top edge of white section to top edge of red cape, extending white part slightly beyond cape on each side. Roll bottom edge of white section under, and sew in place. Tack loosely to red cape along the bottom.

Weave in loose ends. Sew 4 inch piece of white yarn to the top corner of each side, so that it can be tied together in the front.

Crown

CO 30 sts onto 3 dpns, and work the following rounds:

- 1-5) K all sts

The arches of the crown are worked individually across 5 stitches. This is accomplished by turning your work after each of the following rows:

- 6) K5
- 7) P5
- 8) SSK, K1, K2tog
- 9) P3
- 10) K3tog

Cut yarn, thread through remaining live stitch and pull tightly closed. Repeat rounds 6-10 five more times around base of crown.

PU 30 sts, 1 in each of the original cast on sts. Repeat rounds 1-10 above. Fold in half with wrong sides together. Sew six original arches to six new ones at top and sides using the loose ends. Weave in remaining loose ends. Crown can be seamed to top of Babar's head, if desired.