

I've Got Bumblebees on My Dungarees!!



This pattern is for a pair of baby/toddler dungarees with a bumblebee motif on the front and back pockets. The Bernat Denimstyle recommended offers a very soft cotton texture, but has the look of rough and tough denim. The front pocket is real, so your young mason can carry whatever tools a toddler may need (??). The butt flap is attached only on the sides, allowing for easy diaper checks. Also included in the pattern is a quicker, “Lazy Pockets Option” with fake pockets; I know busy moms have limited time for knitting!

Sizing

Newborn (1, 2, 3) years

Waist: 12½ (18, 22, 24) inches

Inseam Length: 6 (10, 12, 14) inches

Materials needed

Bernat Denim Style; 1 (2, 3, 4) skeins

Lion Brand Fun Fur; less than 5 yards of black, yellow and white.

1 set of 5 US 8 double-point or circular needles

1 set of 5 US 7 double-point or circular needles

1 set of US 7 straight needles (for provisional CO)

Two 20” strands of waste yarn

About 12” plain black worsted yarn for a fake buckle OR 2 small buckles (shown Dritz Overall Buckles with No-Sew Buttons, size 1”; for safety reasons, the buckle is only recommended for the 3 year old side size)

5 stitch markers

1 stitch holder (Lazy Pockets option), 3 stitch holders (Real Pockets option)

Tapestry needle

Gauge

18 stitches/24 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch on larger needles

This is knit in one piece, so exact gauge is only really crucial if you have a limited supply of yarn.

Miscellaneous notes

A great tutorial for grafting stitches can be found [here](#).

Yardage has been calculated for the “Lazy Pockets Option”. The pocket and butt-flap liners will require extra yarn. The large bumblebee will not fit on the two smaller sizes; darn a single smaller bumblebee onto each of the pocket and butt-flap in the center.

The bumblebee motifs are worked by duplicate stitching with doubled-up Fun Fur. This can be a bit finicky, and you may need to fill in-between the stitches with the Fun Fur. In other words, use the chart as a “guide”. Alternatively, the motifs can be worked as intarsia with black, white and yellow yarn that is the same weight as Bernat Denimstyle as the pockets are being knitted.

If you are not comfortable doing a provisional cast on or grafting stitches, simply cast on the indicated number of stitches in the gusset (when the pattern says to knit the provisional stitches). When finishing, whip stitch these cast on stitches to close the gusset.

Pattern

Pocket and Butt Flap Liners

(Real Pockets Option Only):

Make Butt flap:

With smaller needles, CO 16(28, 36, 44) stitches. I recommend leaving a 12” tail on both the CO and BO edges to seam the pockets.

Work stockinette until piece measures 3.5”(4.75”, 6.25”, 7”) from CO edge.

Keep stitches live on a holder.

Make Pocket Liner:

Using smaller needles, CO 16(28, 36, 44) stitches, leaving a 12” tail on both the CO and BO edges. Work stockinette until piece measures 3”(4”, 4.5”, 5”) from CO edge.

Keep stitches live on a holder.

Legs

Make Left leg first, starting with the cuff.

Using larger needles, loosely CO 28(40, 48, 56) stitches.

K 1 round.

P until piece measures 1”(1.5”, 2”, 2.5”) from CO edge.

Switch to smaller needles to work the leg.

K until leg measures 7”(11.5”, 14”, 16.5”) from CO edge.

Cut and secure yarn, and place live stitches on a holder.

Make the right leg the same way as the left, except do not cut the yarn.

Gusset

Knit all stitches of right leg.

With waste yarn and a spare needle, provisional CO 6(8, 8, 10) stitches.

Knit the 6(8, 8, 10) provisional stitches and then knit all stitches of the left leg from the stitch holder making sure not to twist.

With a second piece of waste yarn and a spare needle, provisionally CO 6 (8, 8, 10) stitches. Knit the 6 (8, 8, 10) provisional stitches (44(96, 112, 132) stitches).

Place markers as follows:

Closing the circle and being careful not to twist stitches, Knit 14(20, 24, 28) stitches of right leg, place marker to mark the start of the round (round marker).

Knit 13 (19, 23, 27) stitches, place marker (rear gusset right marker).

Knit 8 (10, 10, 12), place marker (rear gusset left marker).

Knit 26 (38, 46, 54) stitches (front gusset right marker).

Knit 8 (10, 10, 12), place marker (front gusset left marker).

Knit to end of round.

Decrease gusset as follows:

Round 1: Knit around.

Round 2: Between each pair of back or front gusset markers, SSK, Knit to 2 stitches before left marker, K2tog. On the outside of the gusset marker pairs, work even.

Continue these gusset two decrease rounds until 2 stitches remain between each pair of gusset markers. Remove gusset markers but keep the round marker (56 (80, 96, 112) stitches).

Hips and Butt-Flap

Knit until piece measures 1” from gusset tip. Then work “Short Row A”.

Short Row A

Row 1: Knit 6, Purl 16(28, 36, 44), Knit 2, turn, yarn over.

Row 2: Purl 2, Knit 1, Purl 14(26, 34, 42), Knit 1, Purl 2, turn, yarn over.

Round 3: Knit 2, Purl 1, Knit 14(26, 34, 42), Purl 1, Knit 2, K2tog.

Continue knitting around until last stitch before next yarn over. SSK.

Knit 2, Purl 1, Knit 14(26, 34, 42), Purl 1. Continue to end of round.

Work Butt Flap Round until piece measures 2" (2.5", 2.5", 2.75") from rear gusset tip.

Butt Flap Round

Knit 6, Purl 1, Knit 14(26, 34, 42), Purl 1, Knit 34 (46, 54, 62) stitches.

Then work "Short Row B".

Short Row B

Row 1: Knit 6, Purl 1, Knit 14(26, 34, 42), Purl 1, Knit 3, turn, yarn over.

Row 2: Purl 3, Knit 1, Purl 14(26, 34, 42), Knit 1, Purl 3, turn, yarn over.

Round 3: Knit 3, Purl 1, Knit 14(26, 34, 42), Purl 1, Knit 3, K2tog.

Continue knitting around until last stitch before next yarn over. SSK.

Knit 2, Purl 1, Knit 14(26, 34, 42), Purl 1. Continue to end of round.

Continue working Butt Flap Round until piece measures 3"(3.75", 4.5", 5") from rear gusset tip. Repeat "Short Row B".

Continue working Butt Flap Round until piece measures 4"(5.25", 6.25", 7") from rear gusset tip. Repeat "Short Row A".

Work Butt Flap Round until piece measures 4.5"(5.75", 7.25", 8") from rear gusset tip. Discontinue Butt Flap Round.

Lazy Pockets Option Only:

Knit 6. Purl 16 (28, 36, 44) stitches. Knit to end of round.

Real Pockets Option Only:

Knit 6. BO next 16(28, 36, 44) stitches in purl. Knit to end of round.

Knit 6. Pick up one of the pre-knitted liners and hold behind butt-flap, with RS facing outward. Knit 16(28, 36, 44) liner stitches. Knit to end of round.

Both Options:

Work "Side Ribbing Round" until piece measures 5.5"(7", 9", 10") from rear gusset tip.

Side Ribbing Round

[(Knit 1, Purl 1, Knit 1, Purl 1), Knit 20(32, 40, 48), (Knit 1, Purl 1, Knit 1, Purl 1)] twice.

Back and Straps

(Knit 1, Purl 1) twice. K20 (32, 40, 48).

BO next 8 stitches in K1, P1 ribbing pattern, discarding round marker.

Knit 20(32, 40, 48). (Note: these 20 stitches will remain live on a holder or needle until the back and straps have been completed)

BO next 8 stitches in K1, P1 ribbing pattern (40(64, 80, 96) stitches).

Decrease back panel as follows:

Row 1: Slip 1*. SSK. Knit to last 3 stitches. K2tog, Knit 1. Turn

Row 2: Slip 1. Purl to end. Turn.

(* omit the slip 1 on the first decrease; the first stitch will be leftover from the BO stitches)

Work these decreases until 6 (6, 8, 10) stitches remain.

Work 1”(1.25”, 1.75”, 2”), in “Modified Stockinette Stitch”. End on a WS.

Modified Stockinette Stitch

Row 1 (RS): Slip 1, knit to end of row. Turn.

Row 2(WS): Slip 1, purl to end of row. Turn.

Straps

Kfb 6 (6, 8, 10) times. Arrange all even numbered stitches onto one needle and all odd numbered stitches onto a second needle, or stitch holder.

Work Knit 1, Purl 1 ribbing on first needle until strap measures 9”(10”, 11”, 12”).

BO all stitches. Attach yarn and work Knit 1, Purl 1 ribbing on second needle until strap measures 9”(10”, 11”, 12”). BO all stitches.

Front Panel and Pocket

Attach yarn. Pick up and Knit 20 (32, 40, 48) stitches from holder at front of piece. Turn. Slip 1, Purl 1, Knit 16 (28, 36, 44), Purl 2.

Work “Front Pocket Rows” until pocket measures 3”(4”, 4.5”, 5”), ending after a RS row.

Front Pocket Rows

Row 1 (RS): Slip 1, Knit 1, Purl 1, Knit 14(26, 36, 44), Purl 1, Knit 2. Turn.

Row 2 (WS): Slip 1, Purl 1, Knit 1, Purl 14(26, 36, 44), Knit 1, Purl 2. Turn.

Then, Purl 2, Knit 16(28, 36, 44), Purl 2. Turn.

Continue “front pocket rows” until pocket measures 3.5”(4.5”, 5.5”, 6”).

Discontinue Front Pocket Rows.

Lazy Pocket Option Only:

Purl 2, Knit 16(28, 36, 44), Purl 2.

Real Pockets Option Only:

Slip 1, Knit 1. BO next 16(28, 36, 44) in purl. Knit to end of row. Turn.

Slip 1, Purl 1. Pick up one of the pre-knitted liners and hold behind pocket, with RS facing outward. Knit 16 (28, 36, 44) liner stitches. Knit 2.

Both Options:

Work “Modified Stockinette Stitch” for 1”.

Work 2 rows of Knit 1, Purl 1 ribbing.

BO all stitches.

Finishing

Place the 2 set of provisional gusset stitches onto 2 smaller size double point needles and graft them.

Using MC and a tapestry needle, sew Pocket and Butt Flap liners to pocket (I recommend sewing only the two sides of the butt flap, leaving the vertical hem un-sewn to allow for diaper checks!).

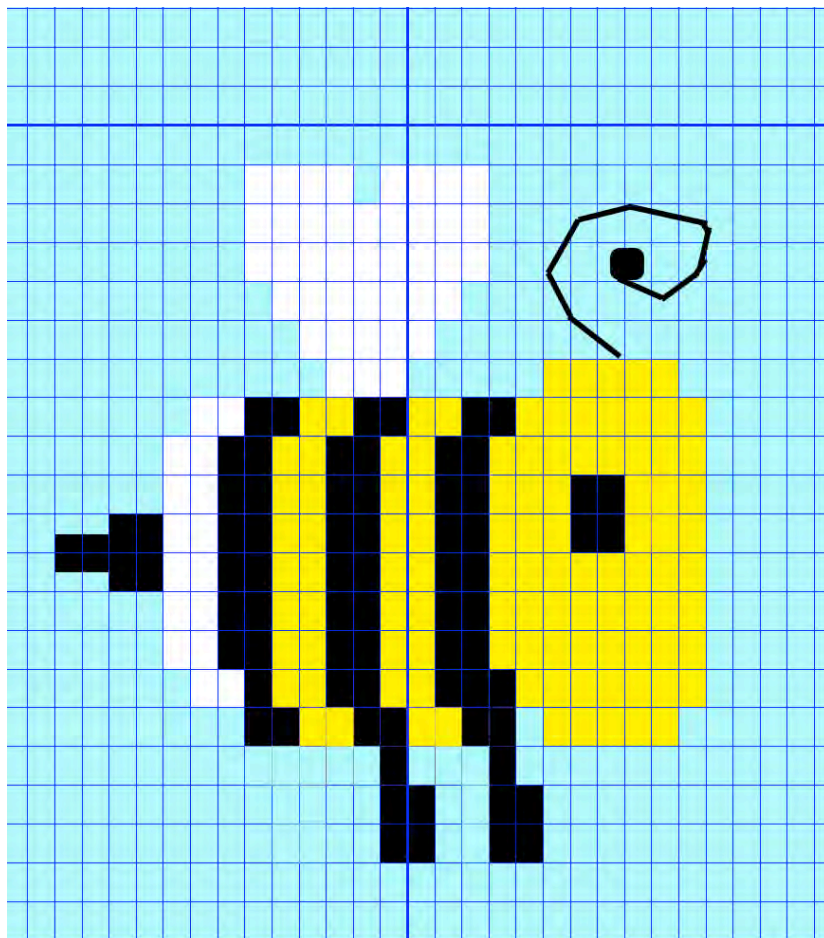
Fold the cuffs up and whip stitch the cuffs into place. Weave in all loose ends. Block piece using steam iron.

Using two strands of Fun Fur held together and a tapestry needle, duplicate stitch the bumblebees using the bumblebee chart. Use the pattern photos as a guide to placement. Comb and trim Fun Fur as necessary.

Using plain black worsted yarn, sew straps to front panel by darning fake buckles, or securely attach real buckles as per directions provided by manufacturer.



Large Bumblebee:



Small Bumblebees:

