

Fletcher's Company

Jackets

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A period description of Fletcher's Scouting Company says: "He and all his men were dressed in green jackets and stockings and green caps..." We have decided to use a pattern based on a civilian-style jacket, sometimes called a sleeved waistcoat, rather than a military-style coat. We have decided that several different fabrics are acceptable, but they must be a plain-woven or twill-woven wool, of a drab (grayish or brownish or muddy-colored) green. This color must "read" as green from a distance, but should not be a bright green. Ask Mike or Reb for samples and suppliers.

Materials Needed:

- JP Ryan "Waistcoat with Sleeves" pattern, view B. This pattern usually runs a size too small so check before you cut!
- 2 ¼ to 3 yards of 54 inch wide wool. Green.
- 9 to 14 buttons, depending on how tall you are. White metal or pewter, slightly domed or flat.
- Linen for facing or lining

Length: mid-thigh to finger-tip length. Front and back the same length.

Collar: May be collarless or have a narrow standing collar.

Lining: Preferably unlined, but may be partly or fully lined.

Pockets and flaps: May have working pockets or no pockets. Pocket flaps may be a simple rectangle, 3 pointed as shown on the JP Ryan pattern, or have the center point trimmed into a V. No buttons on the pockets, no buttonholes on the flaps.

Buttons: 7/8 to 1 inch. White metal or pewter. Slightly domed, either with or without a rim, or a flat button. Bottom button approximately level with the top of the pocket flap. You will need 9 to 14 buttons, depending on how tall you are.