

Docent Guide to 18th Century Character Portrayal

Continental Soldier

Reproduction 18th Century Clothing and Accessory Guide

Men's Clothing

Shirt

This colonial style was used for over 100 years well into the 19th century. Authentic cut with neck and sleeve gussets. Made in white 100% cotton fabric for dressy wear or unbleached off white for working class.

Cost: \$45.00

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Breeches

Men's Fall Front Breeches' narrow fall front style was common from the 1750's to the early 1800's. Pre-shrunk colored cotton canvas. They are made with front pockets, a back gusset, pewter buttons, a full-cut seat and buttoned kneeband.

Cost: \$115.00

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Trousers

Made with baggy seat, deep front pockets, adjustable waist and narrow front opening (fall). Overalls were worn by some of the Continental line soldiers when they were available.

Cost: \$100.00

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Waistcoat

Typical style from 1760's to 1800. Fully lined with pewter buttons and working pockets. Plain back (no lacing or buckle). Made in your color choice of wool.

Cost: \$122.50

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Stockings

Over-the-knee, cotton-blend stockings are 26" un-stretched from heel to the top of the stocking. Great for wearing with knee breeches in warm weather. **Cost: \$13.00**

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Garters

Narrow black Leather band with brass buckle. Just the thing to keep your stockings from falling down.

Cost: \$8.00

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Neck Stock

Wear under your collar like a tie. Black linen with ties in back.

Cost: \$8.50

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Gaiters / Spatterdashes

Paintings from the 1760s onward document this half-length style spatterdashes. Sporting men, laborers, and soldiers alike wore these to protect their legs and to prevent stones and sticks from falling into one's shoes. **Cost: \$58.00**

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Shoes

These are modeled after the mid-18th century style with a moderately squared toe. An excellent choice for civilian as well as military wear in the French and Indian War and Revolutionary War periods.

Cost: \$135.00

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Shoe Buckles

Heavy duty hand finished pair of buckles sized to fit our men's shoes. Fits strap up to 1-1/4 inches wide. Good for military or civilians.

Cost: \$55.00

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Hunting Frock

If one cannot afford a regimental coat right away a frock is a great alternative. The frock shall be made of 100% linen. Frocks generally came down to just below the finger tips and above the knees.

Cost: \$65.00

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Regimental Lottery Coat

These coats are made with Melton wool blend fabric. The top of coat is lined with linen and the skirt is lined with wool. Collar, lapel and cuffs have unhemmed, rough edges, true to the original design. Large hook and eye clasps close the coat at the chest. The lapel can be turned over and secured across the chest with the plain lead-free pewter buttons. The skirt of the coat can be worn open or the tails can be unclasped and worn closed. **Cost: \$385.00**

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Hat

Typical of the revolutionary war or colonial period. Black wool felt hat cocked and trimmed in white or black linen. Rosette cockade with pewter button on left side. **Cost: \$60.00 to \$200.00**

Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Accoutrements

Cartridge Box

The cartridge box used by the Regiments is the 36 round cartridge box.

Cartridge Box Cost: \$79.99

Source: [Track of the Wolf](#)



Cartridge Box Belt Cost \$19.99

Source: [Track of the Wolf](#)

Canteen

Canteens shall be style.

Cost: \$55.00 Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)



Bayonet and Scabbard

The best choice is to use the single frog style with a linen, webbing, or leather strap/carriage. **Cost: \$62.49 Source: [Track of the Wolf](#)**



Haversack

Haversacks were meant to carry a soldier's food, eating implements and small personal items. **Cost: \$385.00 Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)**



Eating Utensils

Cup – make sure it is of a good heavy gauge of tin or tinned sheet iron.

Source: [GG Godwin](#)



Plate/Bowl – Plates can be tin or wood. A wooden bowl of sufficient size is also a good choice. **Source: [Jas. Townsend](#)**



Knife/Fork/Spoon – Your best bet is to look at the originals and buy from the preferred vendors. Spoons can be made of horn, wood, or pewter.

Source: [GG Godwin](#)

Weapons and Accessories

Musket

The recommended musket is the 2nd model Brown Bess.

Cost: \$640.00 Source: [Veteran Arms](#)

Made in India



NOTE: For safety these items are required for your musket.

Flash Guard

Hammer Stall



Musket

The recommended musket is the 2nd model Brown Bess.

Cost: \$1,099.00 Source: [Dixie Gun Works](#)

Made in Italy



Musket Tools and Supplies

Most Musket Tools & Supplies can be found at [TRACK OF THE WOLF](#)



Gun Flint



Flint Lead



Flint Leather



Musket Worm



Flash Guard



Musket Tool



Hammer stall



Tompion



Whisk and Pick



Musket Sling



Musket Case



Black Powder
(See Cartridge Making)



Cartridge Paper
(See Cartridge Making)



Cartridge Former
(See Cartridge Making)

18th Century Muskets & Suttler's

Muskets

British Brown Bess (2nd Land Pattern)

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French Charleville 1766

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