

Basic Sailor's Kit for the AWIPM

This is a guide for creating an 18th-century sailor's impression.

Shoes

Stockings (solid or striped)

Slops, Skilt, trousers, or breeches

Shirt

Weskit

cravat

hat (flat brim, turned up, tricorn, or knit)

Basic Equipment:

Haversack or Ditty Bag

belt

Cartridge box or Purse (pouch)

Additional items: – ****MUST BE 1750-1780 replica**

Flintlock musket, rifle, and or pistol**

Small blade or cutlass**

Baldric**

Deck of playing cards**

Bone Dice

Tankard or Drinking Horn**

Cutlery and Eatery**



Other items can be found online or from sutlers at some events.

The Captain and Quartermaster will provide crew members with links and information about clothing items that are needed on board. Some of these items can be made or purchased from other crew members at a lower cost. The patterns for these clothing items are easy to find as they have been in use for centuries. There are crew members who are willing to help make or obtain these items, so feel free to contact them and form friendships by organizing "stitch-n-bitch" events and inviting others. This is a great way to spend time with your fellow shipmates beyond the usual events.

To keep things simple, we suggest using solid colors that match. In the past, white, blue, and brown were commonly worn by civilians, while reds were more common in the military. Black dye was expensive and faded quickly in the sun, so it wasn't used as often. Unless you're portraying a Gentleman, Lady, or an officer of the ship, don't worry about elaborate decorations or embellishments. Keep it simple for ease.

On the following pages, you will find some links to a few of the more popular online sutlers that deal with 18th-century costumes. This is nowhere near a complete list, and while others may turn their noses up at some of the links for whatever reason, we have found these items to be of decent quality, historically accurate for what we do, and perfectly fine falling into our 90% Facia Guidelines, as well as relatively common in cost.

Reference Links for items: UPDATED 1 SEPT 2023

Breeches:

<https://militaryuniformsupply.com/products/military-uniform-supply-mens-reproduction-revolutionary-war-era-breeches-colonial-breeches?variant=11057702502436>

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/breeches>

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/breeches-leggings-and-trousers>

Slops:

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/breeches-leggings-and-trousers/products/sailor-slops-linen-lt-107>

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/breeches-leggings-and-trousers/products/sailor-slops-dt-107>

Trousers:

<https://militaryuniformsupply.com/products/revolutionary-war-era-trousers-for-reenactors-white>

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/breeches-leggings-and-trousers>

Shirts:

<https://militaryuniformsupply.com/products/revolutionary-war-era-bleached-cotton-shirt-replica-white>

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/mens-shirts>

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/mens-shirts-and-smocks>

Weskits/Waistcoats:

<https://militaryuniformsupply.com/products/revolutionary-war-era-vest-wool-with-brass-buttons>

<https://militaryuniformsupply.com/products/18th-century-waist-coat-wool-long-style-revolutionary-war-era>

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/waistcoats>

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/mens-waistcoats>

Neckwear:

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/mens-neckwear>

Stockings:

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/stockings>

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/mens-sockings>

Shoes:

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/shoes-shoe-buckles-stockings>

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/shoes-buckles>

https://www.gggodwin.com/Shoes_c_22.html

<https://militaryuniformsupply.com/products/reproduction-leather-colonial-shoes-with-buckles>

Sandals:

https://www.amazon.com/JC-Sandal-37-7-7-5-Camel/dp/B0062OP1Y8/ref=sr_1_36?ie=UTF8&qid=1484690130&sr=8-36&keywords=jesus+sandals

Hats:

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/mens-hats>

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/collections/mens-hats>

Buttons (You will need replacements, it happens):

<https://www.townsend.us/collections/buttons>

https://www.gggodwin.com/Buttons_c_26.html

Sutler Links:

<https://www.townsend.us/>

<https://www.samsonhistorical.com/>

<https://www.gggodwin.com/>

Sewing Patterns for Clothing: **Needs alteration/modification for accuracy

Mens: Simplicity 4923**

Women's: Simplicity 8161, 8162. 3677**

NOTE: Should anyone have any further links for reference, they can be added to updates of this reference material. Please share!

**NOTE: This is also a reminder that there are a lot of sources out there depending on the impression you want to portray. The above will get you started for dressing like a sailor or landlubber as an 18th-century man. If you require assistance in rounding out your impression with something that better suits you, please ask as this is only covering the sailor/landlubber impressions. Board Members and Docents are more than happy to assist you with whatever impression you are looking to make!