

Measurements Needed for 18th Century Coats

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How to take the Measures

Have someone else take your measures, if possible.

Because of physiological changes of your body during movement, self-inflicted measures often have errors, sometimes to the point of being impossible to take. If possible, wear the clothes that you will be wearing under the coat or jacket, or wear clothes of comparable thickness when you have your measurements taken. In this way, the coat will fit smoothly without binding. When taking measures the tape should be held easily and naturally, neither held slack nor drawn tight. When taking measures of the circumference of the arm, the arm should be flexed to get the maximum dimension and avoid constraint.

Measures Needed - Have the following measurements taken, writing each one down as taken.

_____ Neck over shirt and stock or neck-cloth

_____ Across back of shoulders, from shoulder joint to shoulder joint

_____ Length of front, from top of shoulder to hip bone

_____ Length of front, from top of shoulder to top of knee

_____ Circumference of chest, measured just under the armpits

_____ Circumference of waist at the top of the hip bone (just below navel)

_____ Length of arm from joint of shoulder to wrist bone with the arm hanging down

_____ Length of arm from point of shoulder to elbow with arm bent

_____ Circumference of bicep of arm when flexed

_____ Circumference of forearm when flexed

_____ Measure from front of armpit, across breast to front of opposite armpit, then divide in half to get the distance from the front of arm to the center front of the coat.

_____ Scye depth - measured from the top of the shoulder to the bottom of the armpit

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