Colonial Couture

Tricorn hats and cravats were worn by many of the early presidents of the United States including John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison.

Tricorn Hat

Wearing wigs and hats was a popular style for men in colonial America, as well as the new nation and Europe, throughout the 17th and 18th centuries. Keeping hats on over the wigs was difficult, so hats were often carried under the arm. Folded hats were much easier to carry this way.

Towards the end of the 18th century, the Tricorn hat, often referred to as the Tricorn hat, quickly became the new style.

Colonial Cravat

The word cravat comes from the “crabate” worn by Croatian soldiers who served in the French Army. The cravat appeared in the mid-17th century fashions for men’s formal wear. By the 18th century most men wore sort type of cloth around their necks, with the cravat as one of the popular forms of neckwear for both formal and informal clothes while they worked. The cravat was generally of white linen that was decorated at the ends with lace or fringe. A cravat is wrapped around the neck and loosely tied in the front tucked into their vests or shirts.

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Colonial Tricorner Hat

Directions:

1. Cut out hat pattern to make 3 hat shapes.

![Hat pattern cutout]

2. Make the front of your hat by attaching 1 white paper curl to each side of one hat shape.

![Attaching paper curl]

3. Place two hat shapes together and staple.

![Stapling two shapes]

4. Create a triangle with the third shape and staple it to the other 2 shapes.

![Creating triangle]

Note: Hat size can be adjusted by placing staples closer or further away from the edge.

5. Place tape over the back of each staple.
Colonial Cravat

1. Cut along the outline of the cravat.
2. Color and glue on materials to your liking.
3. Paste a large stick on the back to use as your handle or hole punch each side and tie on with string to wear today!

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