

18TH CENTURY WORK BREECHES

You may need some practice sewing on this, or at least a love of improvising! This is an idea for DROP FRONT BATTEAU PANTS - using those old work-pants that you hate to throw away.

1. Remove the zipper. Leave the waistband (not shown in the illustration). See item (A) in figure.
2. Close the seam as if in sewing ladies' slacks.
3. Cut off pants below the knee, leaving enough extra for the hem.
4. Cut slashes from the waist down to form the "fall". See item (B) in figure.
5. Face the fall with fabric left from #3.
6. Face "B" also.
7. Use any fabric available to cut shaded area, which closes the pants behind the fall. This should be lined.

Add buttons and buttonholes as illustrated. You could also add a band at the knee. Gather fabric a little, add the band and buttons.

If you find you need help, you may contact Katie 804-525-4999 or Annie 804-821-4204 at their humble cottages. Ladies watch for the Spring issue in May as Annie and I will help you look either like an 18th century boatman's wife or a "boat wench". Till then.

Good Tidings,

