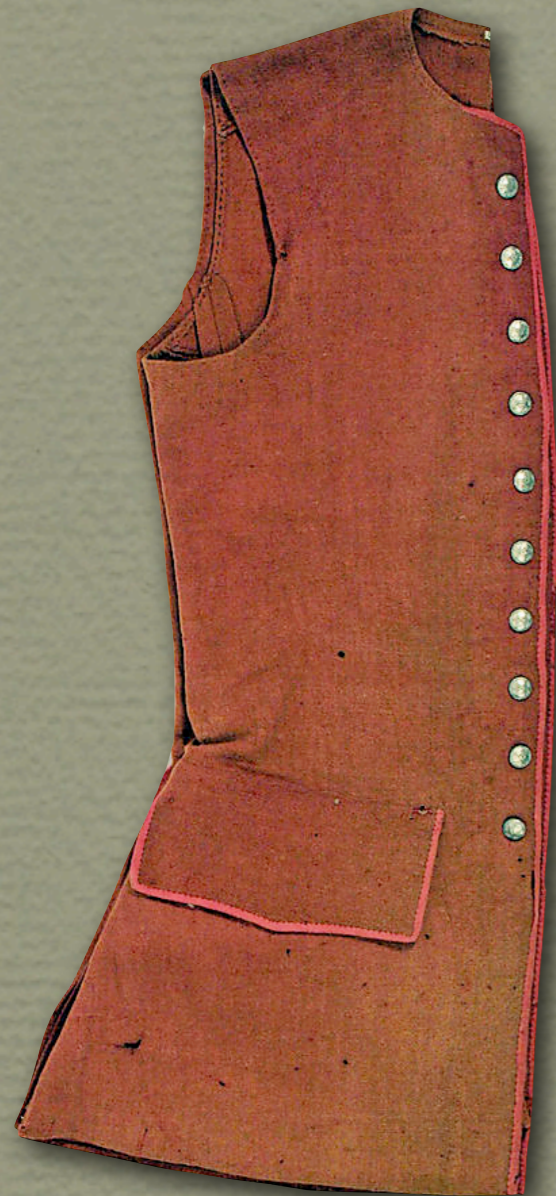


18th Century Material Culture

Waistcoats



1700 - 1749



English Linen, Silk, & Metallic Thread Sleeved Waistcoat
Early 18th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English Linen, Silk, & Metallic Thread Sleeved Waistcoat
Early 18th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English Linen, Silk, & Metallic Thread Sleaved Waistcoat
Early 18th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English Unmade Embroidered Tabby Linen Sleeved Waistcoat
c. 1700
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Sleeved Silk Needlework Waistcoat

c. 1700 - 1720

(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Sleeved Silk Brocade Waistcoat

c. 1720 - 1730

(Colonial Williamsburg)



American Cotton & Linen Sleeved Waistcoat
c. 1740 - 1745
(Connecticut Historical Society)



American Cotton & Linen Sleeved Waistcoat
c. 1740 - 1745
(Connecticut Historical Society)



English Silk Sleeved Waistcoat
c. 1725 - 1750
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English Silk Sleeved Waistcoat
c. 1725 - 1750
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English Silk & Wool Waistcoat
c. 1730
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English White Needlework Waistcoat
c. 1730 - 1740 (Altered c. 1750 - 1765)
(Colonial Williamsburg)



French Sleeved Silk Brocaded Waistcoat
c, 1730 (With 19th Century Alterations)
(Colonial Williamsburg)



European Silk Velvet Waistcoat Fragments

c. 1730 - 1750

(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Sleeved Gilt Needlework Silk Satin Waistcoat
c. 1740
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Silk & Linen Waistcoat
c. 1740
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English Silk & Linen Waistcoat

c. 1740

(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English Silk & Linen Waistcoat

c. 1740

(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English Linen & Cotton Sleeved Waistcoat

c. 1740

(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Ivory Cotton Front Embroidered Waistcoat Panels

c. 1740s

(Private Collection)



English or European Brocaded Silk Waistcoat

c. 1740 - 1755

(Colonial Williamsburg)



French Voided Velvet Suit Waistcoat
c. 1740 - 1760
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Brown Silk Waistcoat with Metallic Trim

c. 1740 - 1765

(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Silk Sleeved Waistcoat
c. 1742
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English Silk Sleeved Waistcoat
c. 1742
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English Yellow Satin Waistcoat with Metallic Trim
c. 1745 - 1760
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Plum Silk Waistcoat with Applied Linen Hexagonal Net

c. 1745 - 1775
(Colonial Williamsburg)

1750 - 1769



English Silk and Metal Embroidery Sleeved Waistcoat

c. 1750
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Quilted Silk Sleeved Waistcoat

c. 1750 - 1759
(Winterthur)



English Embroidered and Red Velvet Waistcoat with Shag Lining

c. 1750

(Colonial Williamsburg)



French Waistcoat
c. 1750
(Los Angeles County Museum of Art)



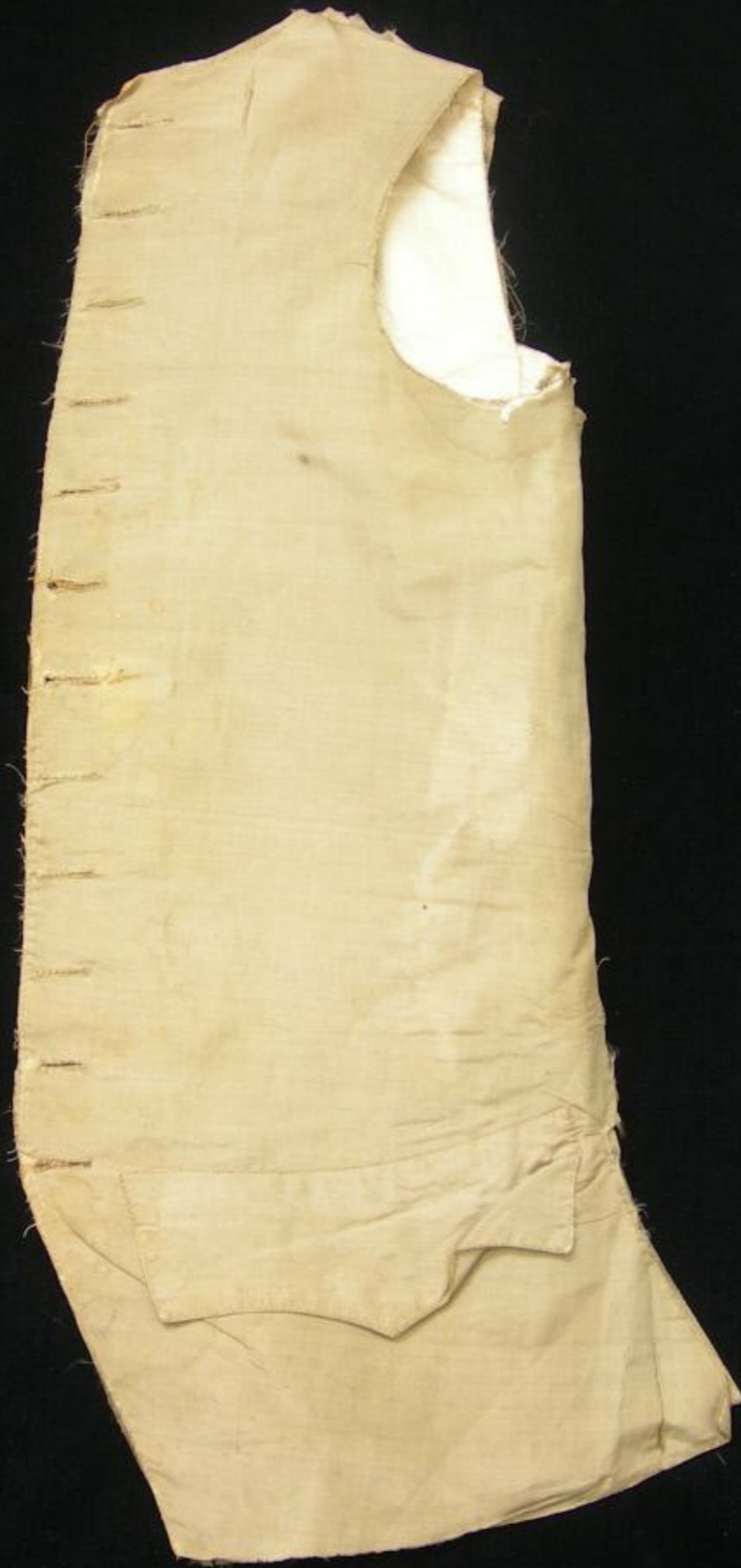
French Silk Waistcoat
c. 1750 - 1775
(Cooper Hewitt - Smithsonian)



European / French Crewel Needlework Waistcoat

c. 1750

(Colonial Williamsburg)



Virginian Waistcoat Made from English Silk & Linen
c. 1750 - 1765
(Colonial Williamsburg)



Silk Sleeved Waistcoat
Mid 18th Century
(Private Collection - ebay)



Silk Sleeved Waistcoat
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(Private Collection - ebay)



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Mid 18th Century
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English Silk & Linen Waistcoat
c. 1750 - 1770
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English Sleeved Quilted Satin Waistcoat
c. 1750 - 1780
(Colonial Williamsburg)



A Silk Waistcoat with Linen Sleeves that were Added at a Later Date
c. 1760
(Private Collection)



*A Silk Waistcoat with Linen Sleeves that were Added at a Later Date
c. 1760
(Private Collection)*



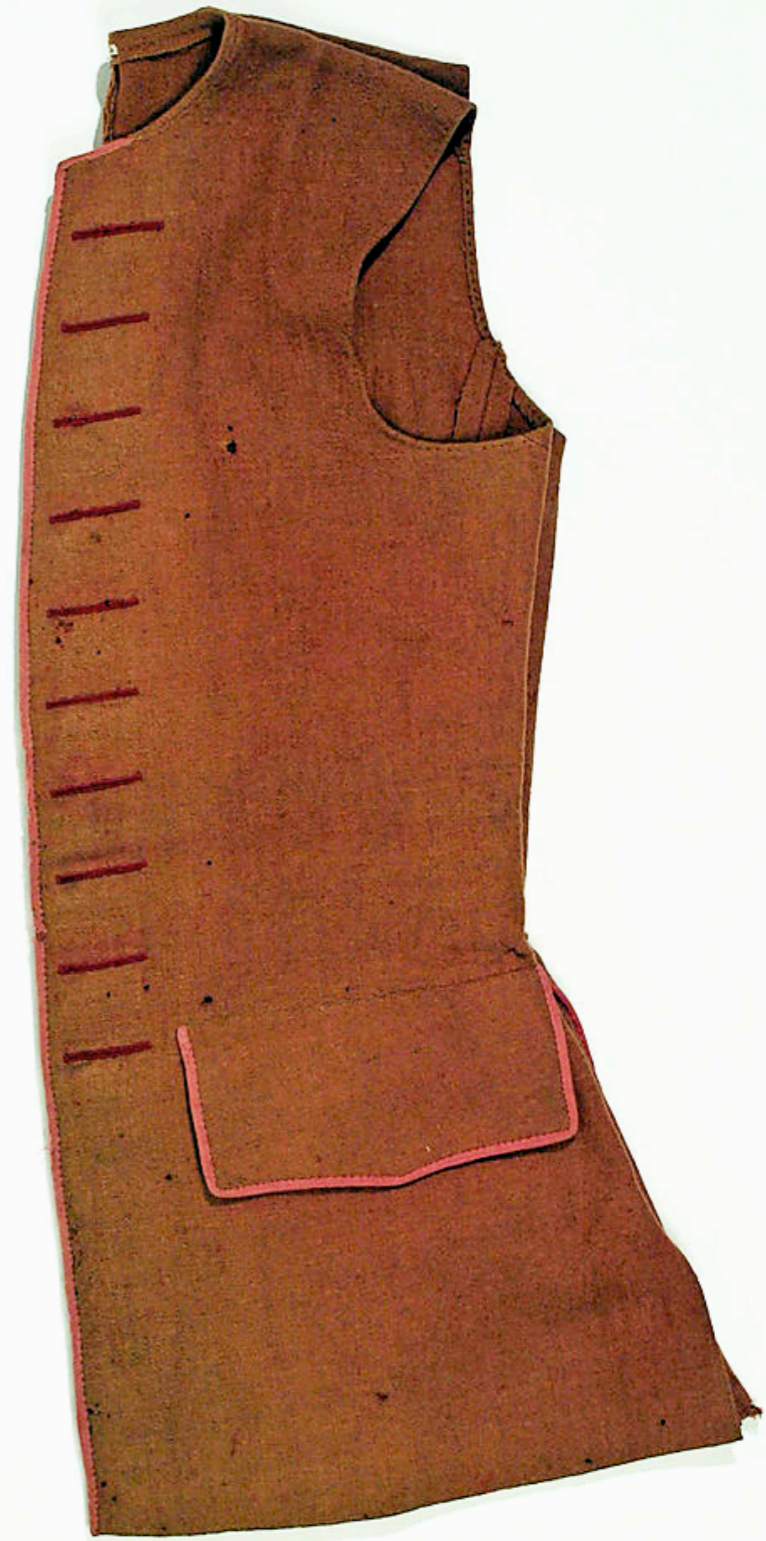
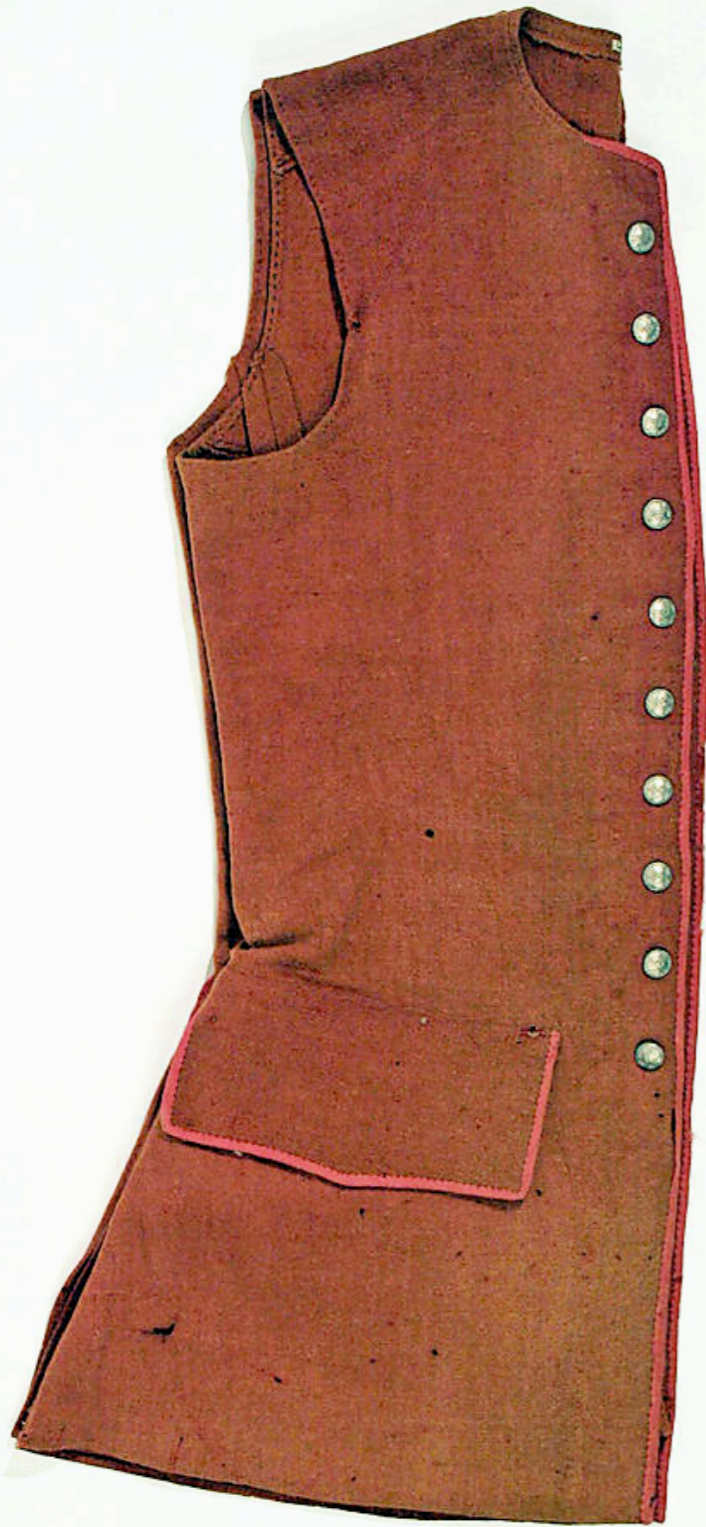
A Silk Waistcoat with Linen Sleeves that were Added at a Later Date
c. 1760
(Private Collection)



English Linen & Cotton Waistcoat for Matching Banyan
c, 1760
(Colonial Williamsburg)



Double Breasted Waistcoat c. 1760 - 1770
(Snowhill Wade Costume Collection, Gloucestershire)



American Waistcoat of Wool
18th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English Silver and Green Tissue Waistcoat
c. 1760 - 1770
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Silk Suit Waistcoat with Metallic Trimmed Buttonholes

c. 1760 - 1780

(Colonial Williamsburg)



Rhode Island Waistcoat of Chinese Imported Damask
c. 1765 = 1775
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Brocaded Green Silk Waistcoat
c. 1765 - 1775
(Colonial Williamsburg)



European Brocaded & Embroidered Silk Satin Waistcoat “with a Boston History”

c. 1765 - 1775
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Brocaded Silver Tissue Waistcoat
c. 1765 - 1780
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Brown & White Striped Silk Waistcoat
c. 1765 - 1780
(Manchester Galleries)



English Silk & Linen Waistcoat
c. 1765 - 1780
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)

1770 - 1785



American Striped Worsted Wool Waistcoat with Checked Linen Back & Lining, Possibly from Connecticut

c. 1770

(Don Troiani Collection, Photograph Courtesy Henry Cooke)



American Striped Worsted Wool Waistcoat with Checked Linen Back & Lining, Possibly from Connecticut

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English Yellow Satin Embroidered Waistcoat

c. 1770
(Colonial Williamsburg)



European / French Embroidered Silk Suit Waistcoat

c. 1770
(Colonial Williamsburg)



Calico Waistcoat Fragment
c. 1770 - 1790
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



European / French Sheer Cotton over Pink Silk Waistcoat
c. 1770 - 1780
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English or European Metallic and Paste Embroidered Silk Satin Waistcoat

c. 1770 - 1780

(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Voided Velvet Suit Waistcoat
c. 1770 - 1785
(Colonial Williamsburg)



French Cotton Waistcoat
c. 1770 - 1790
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



French Cotton Waistcoat
c. 1770 - 1790
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



European Silk Sequined Waistcoat
c. 1770 - 1780
(Colonial Williamsburg)



American Embroidered Linen Waistcoat
c. 1770 - 1780
(Philadelphia Museum of Art)



European Embroidered and Quilted Silk Satin Waistcoat

c. 1770

(Fine Arts Museum San Francisco)



English or French Green Silk Needlework Waistcoat

c. 1770 - 1785

(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Plate Printed Linen Tabby Waistcoat
c. 1770 - 1785
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Green Velvet Waistcoat with Orange Silk Back

c. 1770 - 1790

(Colonial Williamsburg)



English or French Silk Needlework Waistcoat

c. 1770 - 1790

(Colonial Williamsburg)



American Brown Wool Twill Waistcoat
c. 1770 - 1790
(Colonial Williamsburg)



French Embroidered Ribbed Silk Waistcoat Fronts
c. 1775
(Colonial Williamsburg)



French Silk Waistcoat
c. 1775 - 1780
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



English or European Silk Chain Stitch on Silk Waistcoat

c. 1775 - 1790
(Colonial Williamsburg)



French Silk Tambour Work on Silk Waistcoat

c. 1775 - 1790

(Colonial Williamsburg)



American Striped Linen Sleeved Waistcoat Reputedly Worn by Col. Joseph Noyes at the Battle of Rhode Island
c. 1778
(Rhode Island Historical Society - Photograph by Conservator Dierdre Windsor)



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c, 1778
(Rhode Island Historical Society - Photograph Courtesy Henry Cooke)



Cuff Button

American Striped Linen Sleeved Waistcoat Reputedly Worn by Col. Joseph Noyes at the Battle of Rhode Island

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American Linen Waistcoat from Connecticut
Worn by Colonel William Ledyard When He was Killed by a British Officer at Fort Griswold on Sept. 6, 1781
(Connecticut Historical Society)



American Linen Waistcoat from Connecticut
Worn by Colonel William Ledyard When He was Killed by a British Officer at Fort Griswold on Sept. 6, 1781
(Connecticut Historical Society)



American Boy's Unlined Linen Waistcoat from Connecticut

c. 1770 - 1779

(Connecticut Historical Society)



American Boy's Unlined Linen Waistcoat from Connecticut
c. 1770 - 1779
(Connecticut Historical Society)



American Boy's Unlined Linen Waistcoat from Connecticut
c. 1770 - 1779
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American Boy's Unlined Linen Waistcoat from Connecticut

c. 1770 - 1779

(Connecticut Historical Society)



American Silk Waistcoat Attributed to John Hancock
c. 1780
(New York Historical Society)



American Silk Waistcoat Attributed to John Hancock
c. 1780
(Lexington Historical Society)



European / French Silk Needlework Waistcoat
c, 1780
(Colonial Williamsburg)



European Green Silk Waistcoat with Needlework

c. 1780

(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Cotton Velvet Suit Waistcoat
c. 1780
(Colonial Williamsburg)



American or English Silk Waistcoat
c. 1770 - 1780
(Connecticut Historical Society)



American or English Silk Waistcoat
c. 1770 - 1780
(Connecticut Historical Society)



American Cotton & Linen Waistcoat Owned by Colonel Samuel Talcott from Connecticut
c. 1770 - 1780
(Connecticut Historical Society)



American Cotton & Linen Waistcoat Owned by Colonel Samuel Talcott from Connecticut
c. 1770 - 1780
(Connecticut Historical Society)



American Silk Waistcoat Owned by Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth from Connecticut
c. 1784
(Connecticut Historical Society)



American Silk Waistcoat Owned by Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth from Connecticut
c. 1784
(Connecticut Historical Society)



American Silk Waistcoat Owned by Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth from Connecticut
c. 1784
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American or English Silk Waistcoat
c. 1785 - 1789
(Connecticut Historical Society)



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c. 1785 - 1789
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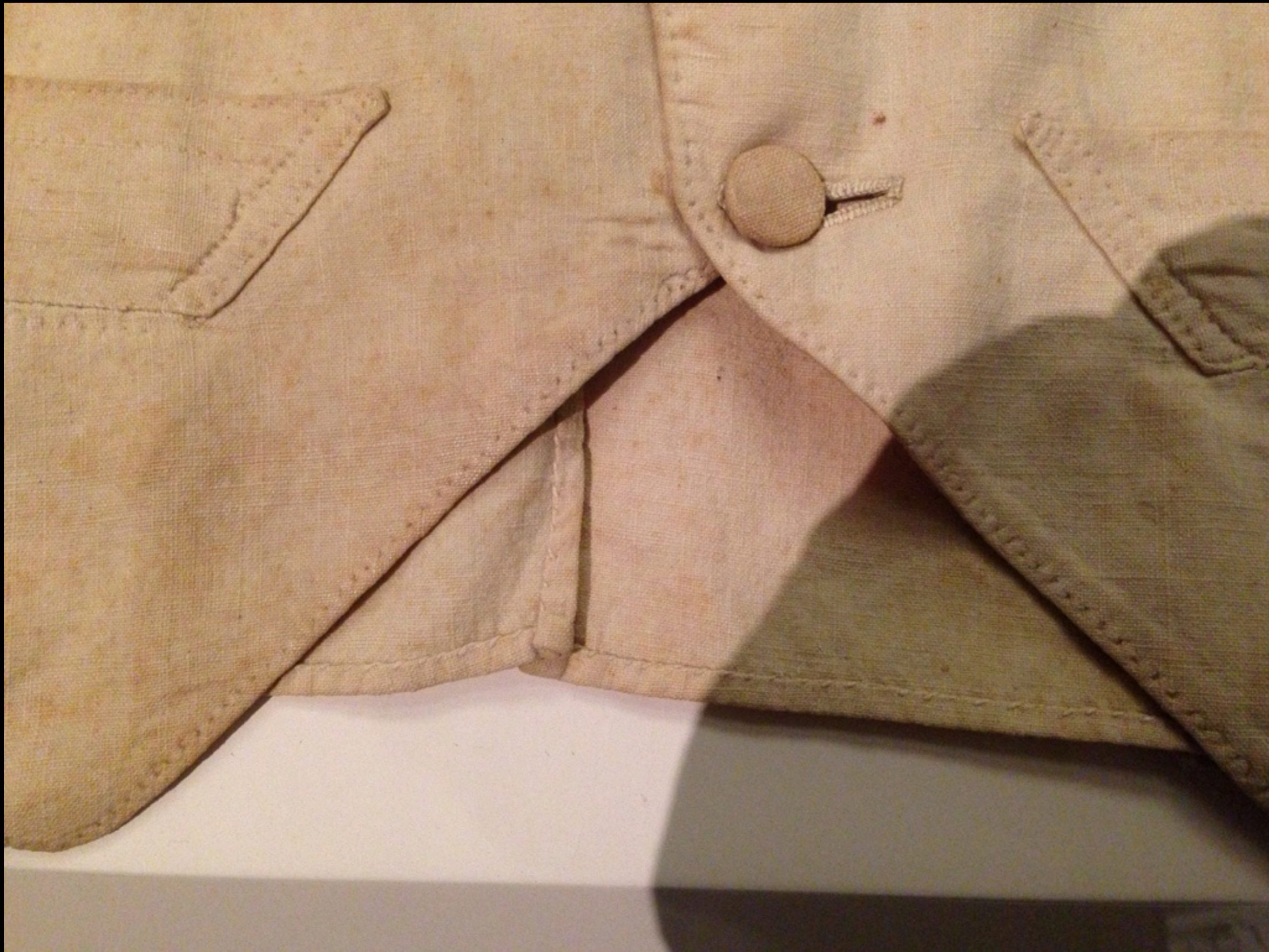
Man's homemade waistcoat
Late 18th century
Linen



Linen Unlined Waistcoat
Late 18th Century
(New York State Museum - Photo by Paul Dickfoss)



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American Silk Waistcoat Embroidered with Silver Lace
Owned by Dr. Joseph Warren of Boston, Massachusetts
(Museum of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts)



Linen Double Breasted Waistcoat
Dated to 1780
(Colonial Williamsburg)



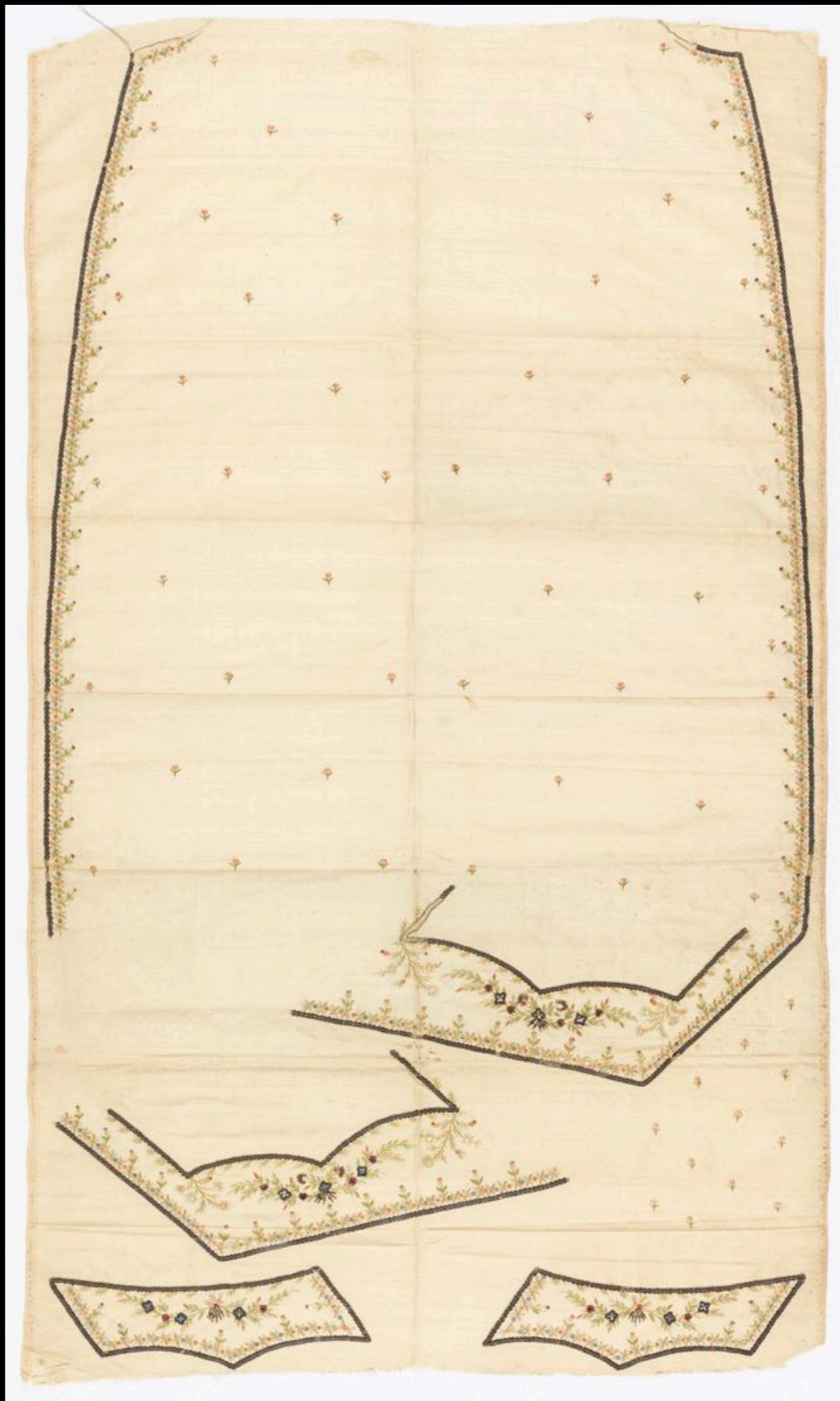
European Silk & Wool Waistcoat
2nd Half 18th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



European Silk Waistcoat
Late 18th Century
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Detail: English Linen Waistcoat with Dorset Buttons
18th Century
(Museum of Five Colleges)



Uncut Silk Waistcoat
Late 18th Century
(Cooper Hewitt - Smithsonian)



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French Silk Waistcoat Panel
Mid to Late 18th Century
(Cooper Hewitt - Smithsonian)



French Silk Waistcoat Front
Late 18th Century
(Cooper Hewitt - Smithsonian)



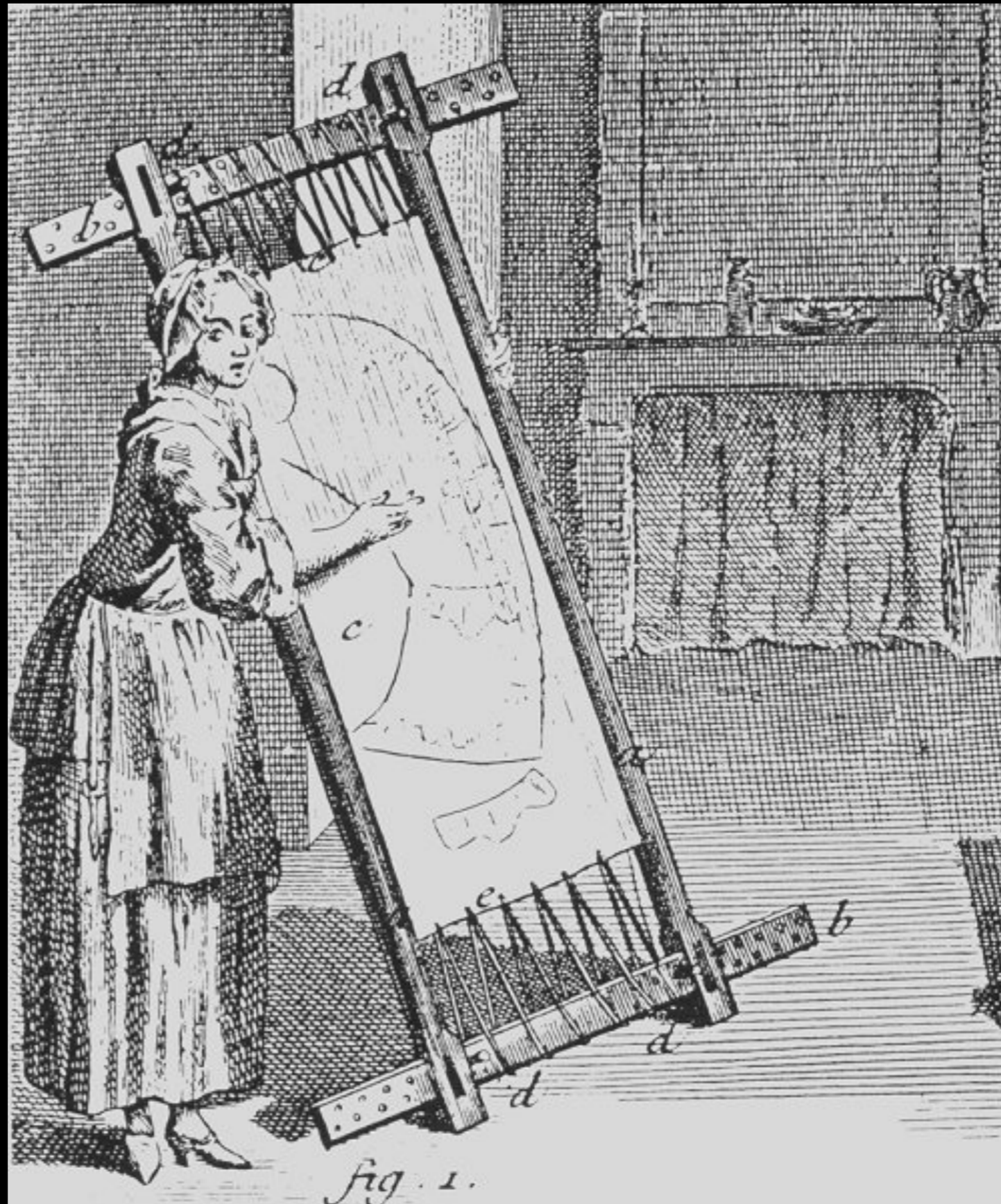
Salesman Sample: Uncut French Silk Waistcoat
Late 18th Century
(Cooper Hewitt - Smithsonian)

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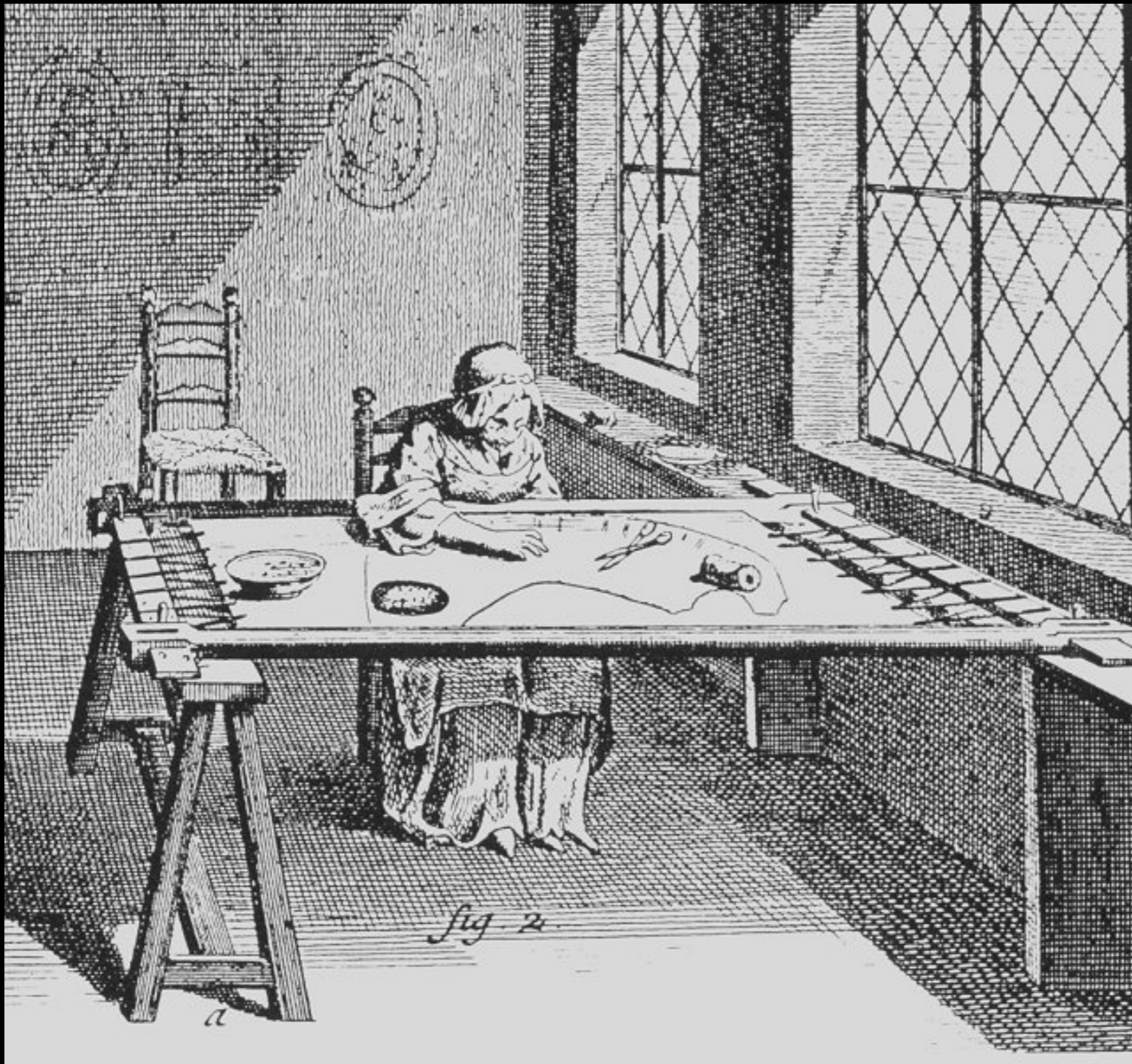


Salesman Sample: Uncut French Silk Waistcoat
Late 18th Century
(Cooper Hewitt - Smithsonian)

Embroidered
Waistcoat
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French Embroiderer
Denis Diderot 1750



French Embroiderer
Denis Diderot 1750

Straight Cut Waistcoats



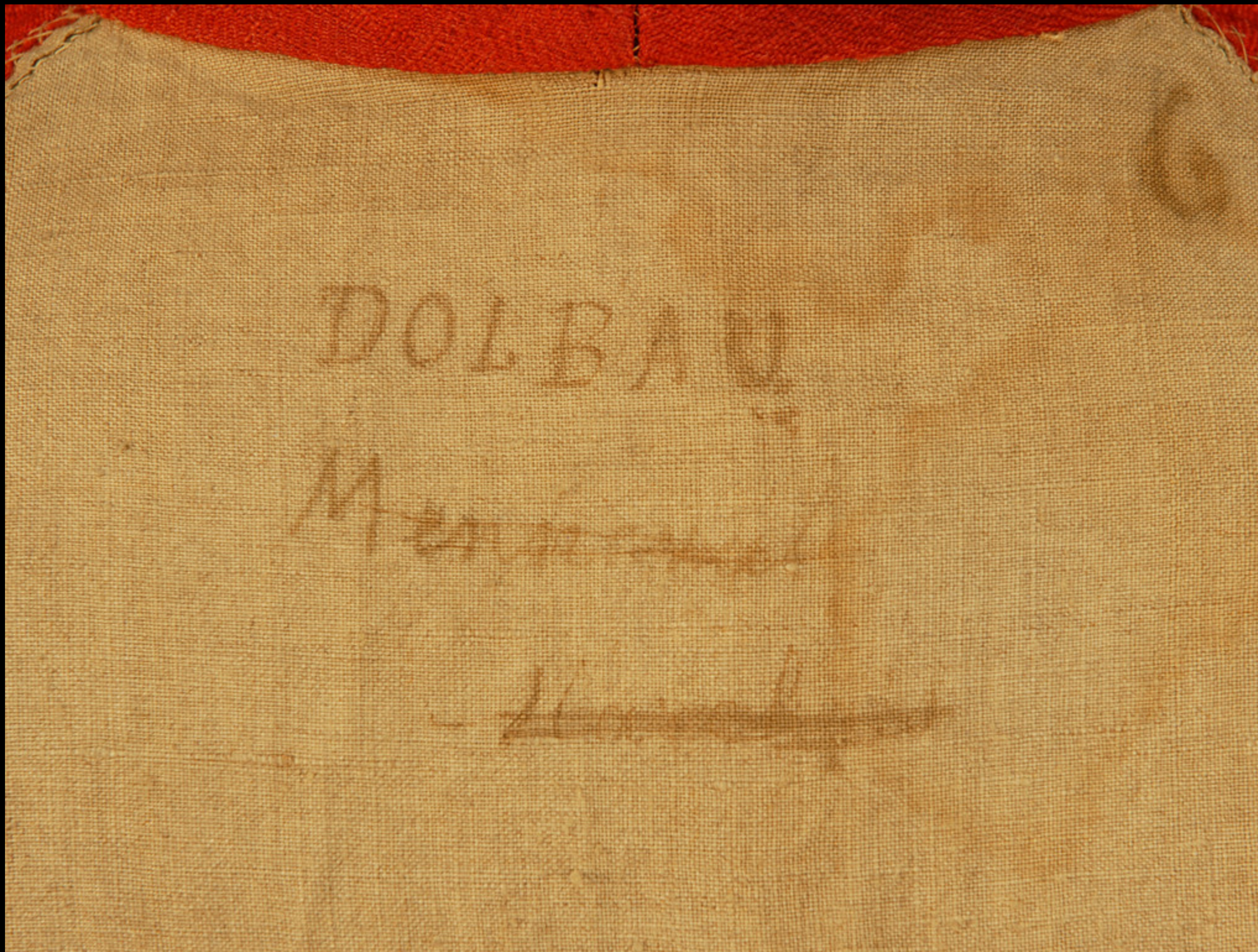
French Red Wool & Linen Waistcoat
c. 1780
(Whitaker Auctions)



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c. 1780
(Whitaker Auctions)



French Red Wool & Linen Waistcoat
c. 1780
(Whitaker Auctions)



American Wool & Linen Waistcoat Owned by Munson Hoyt of Connecticut
c. 1785 - 1790
(Connecticut Historical Society)



American Wool & Linen Waistcoat Owned by Munson Hoyt of Connecticut
c. 1785 - 1790
(Connecticut Historical Society)

Belted Waistcoats



Colonel John Purves and His Wife, Eliza Ann Pritchard
by Henry Benbridge c. 1775 - 1777
(Winterthur)



Fig. 1. Belt for a waistcoat, linen, 1770–1800. *Museum purchase with funds drawn from the Centenary Fund 2013.38*

Printed Linen Waistcoat Belt
18th Century
(Winterthur)



Powder Horn Detail - Carried by Corporal William Fleming of Virginia, 1st Artillery, at Valley Forge
c. 1782



by Jean Baptiste Antoine de Verger 1781
(Ann S.K. Brown Collection, Brown University)

Knit / Stocking Sleeved Waistcoats



John Cuff & His Assistant
by Johan Zofanny 1772
(The Royal Collection)



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Recreated Knit or Stocking Sleeved Waistcoat
Based on Runaway Ads Mentioning "Stockings for Sleeves"
(Jay Howlett - Colonial Williamsburg)

Knit / Stocking Sleeved Waistcoat Accounts

From: "A Waistcoat with Stockings for Sleeves" by Tyler Rudd Putnam

A servant butcher from Kent County, Maryland, "with stockings for sleeves to his jacket," (Pennsylvania Gazette, March 28, 1765).

A servant from Uwchland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, wearing a "blue and white striped jacket, with old blue stockings for sleeves," (Pennsylvania Gazette, January 19, 1769).

A supposed servant from Culpeper, Virginia, wearing a "blue waistcoat with stockings for sleeves," (Virginia Gazette, March 22, 1770).

A slave from Westfield, New Jersey, wearing a "white woolen waistcoat with stocking sleeves," (The New Jersey Journal, May 10, 1770; page 14 here).

Two convict servants from Elk-Ridge, Maryland, wearing "an old flannel ditto [jacket], with black stocking sleeves" and "an old flannel ditto [jacket], with grey stocking sleeves," (Virginia Gazette, September 20, 1770).

Knit / Stocking Sleeved Waistcoat Accounts

From: "A Waistcoat with Stockings for Sleeves" by Tyler Rudd Putnam

A convict servant from Langford Bay, Maryland, wearing "a brown vest, with stocking sleeves," (Pennsylvania Gazette, April 4, 1771).

A servant from Charles Town, Maryland, wearing "a striped linsey ditto [jacket], with blue stocking sleeves," (Pennsylvania Gazette, December 23, 1772).

A servant from Brandywine Hundred, Delaware, wearing "an old blue cloth jacket, with stocking sleeves, of near the same colour," (Pennsylvania Gazette, August 2, 1775).

A servant from Chester County, Pennsylvania wearing a "light coloured cloth coat, with blue stockings for sleeves in it," (Pennsylvania Gazette, July 7, 1784).

A probable servant from York[town], Pennsylvania, wearing "a kind of hunting shirt with grey yarn stocking sleeves," (Carlisle Gazette, May 29, 1787)

Knit / Stocking Sleeved Waistcoat Accounts

From: "A Waistcoat with Stockings for Sleeves" by Tyler Rudd Putnam

British Primary Descriptions of Stocking Sleeves (Source: "The British Newspaper Archive")

An apprentice carrier of Southampton, wearing "a short Waistcoat, with the Leggings of a Pair of Blue Stockings for Sleeves," (The Hampshire Chronicle, March 22, 1773)

A man from Morcot, Rutland, "deranged in his intellects" wearing "a brown Fustian Jacket with Greased Stocking Sleeves," (Lincoln, Rutland, and Stamford Mercury, June 6, 1800).

Military

Stocking Sleeved Waistcoats

“Regimental Orders 9th July 1777

Sir Henry Calder desires a Return may be given in of the No. of Caps wanting in Each Company - The men are not to wear their Hatts or Coats on any Account; they are to put Slevs to their Waistcoats out of Old Stockings or Such other Stuf (the(y) can) procure”

(The 49th and 1st Brigade may have been in the process of embarkation.)

49th Regiment of Foot Orderly Book.

“Captured British Orderly Book, June 25, 1777 - Sept. 10, 1777.” Library of Congress, George Washington Papers Series 6. Military Papers. 1755-1798.



Battalion Company Officer, H.M. 49th Regiment of Foot
by Gerard van der Puyl c. 1770 - 1775
(Bennington Museum)

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