

# How to bric-a-brac together a Regency look for a man from modern clothes:



Let us start with the basics. Here you have an image of two distinct types of regency wear. These are neither military in nature and are what a regency gentleman would typically wear. There are some variances for day and evening and such; however given these examples, you can make something very distinct with existing modern clothes.

**The breeches:** You can have long or calf-length breeches. And believe it or not, you can easily get away with using sports attire of all things. **Baseball pants;** you can get them in a variety of solid colours and they can be hemmed to your desired length. Here is an example of some good, heavyweight baseball pants that would work nicely:  
[http://www.sportsteam.com/3726-Baseball-](http://www.sportsteam.com/3726-Baseball-Pants.aspx)

[Pants.aspx](http://www.sportsteam.com/3726-Baseball-Pants.aspx) **Adult flag-football pants:**

<http://www.footballamerica.com/football/productDesc.do?productDesc=3132>. **Men's equestrian breeches** (English) without too much fussiness and stitching would work as well. You can also obtain some **'Errol Flynn Pants'** from DressLikeAPirate.com (<http://www.dresslikeapirate.com/scart/index.php?cPath=21>) that would work brilliantly with long boots.

**The shirt:** You need a 'puffy' shirt with a nice wide collar to stand up. If it is lace-front, it needs to be discreet enough to hide under a thick cravat. You can find appropriate shirts on DressLikeAPirate.com; we recommend in their product line, the Pro-Series Rogue Shirt or the Privateer Shirt. You can also find Poet Shirts as well online and on ebay. If you're diligent, that is. ☺ Just make sure it has a nice collar to stand up and to tie your cravat around. You can get a shirt with chest-frill, but don't go crazy with it like the pirate shirts. You can order a nice regency shirt from England:  
<http://giftshop.janeausten.co.uk/acatalog/Costume.html> and they have cravats too.

**Stockings:** Use Solid coloured **football socks** (or other white stocking that goes to the knee) - (white or off-white)

**Shoes:** **Men's English Riding Boots** (some can be found with the brown leather top—you can sometimes find used ones at tack stores or ebay) With stockings: **Ballet shoes, dance shoes with a low heel** (1" at most) or at *least* nice formal black leather shoes.

**Waistcoat:** Used **waistcoats/vests** from Tuxedo sets can be obtained on ebay or from tuxedo rental shops. Ideally they should have a small collar, however If you get a nice long, fluffy cravat, you'll still look the part. They should have a straight bottom on the front; no points. You should choose a nice small-print jacquard or brocade, stripes will do as well, in a lovely colour.

**Cravat:** Go to the fabric shop and get some off-white, cream cotton chintz that's crinkly and nice. Cut an 8" x ~48" strip, hem the edges and voila, you have a cravat. You want it sort of ruched or bunched around your collar, so make sure it's pretty wide. Here's are some links to show you good ways to tie your cravat:

<http://www.regencyreproductions.com/history.htm> (scroll to bottom of page; they have their own free cravat pattern on there as well)

<http://members.tripod.com/Jes24601/id34.htm>.

**Hat/Cane/other accessories:** You're on your own. Be resourceful.

**Hair:** Long hair: Tie back in a ponytail low on your head. Short Hair, use mousse to comb your hair forward into your face like Caesar or Napoleon. Grow sideburns out if you have time.

**The Tailcoat:** This is a used tuxedo tailcoat; this one is about \$35. All you have to do is to get rid of the points on the front. Google "Used Tuxedo Tailcoat" or go on ebay. I've seen some as low as \$15.



1. Use a seam ripper to separate the outer fabric from the lining along the bottom of the existing "points".
2. Trim off most of the material to your desired shape; leave a seam allowance of course. Fold the cut edges into the new shape, and press (use a towel to protect fabric). In a thread of the same tone as the tailcoat, baste stitch the lining and material back together very discreetly.
3. Voila. You have something fairly regency. You can square up your front (left side), or do a gentle curve (right side), whichever suits your fancy.

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