Colonial Clothing

Just like today, the clothing people chose in the Colonial era offered clues to their life. The choice of fabric, how worn out it was, and how well it fit you could indicate a person's social class (how much money your family had). Some clothing items were worn by people in specific jobs.

Craft: Make a Cocked Hat!

History of Colonial Hats: Both men and women wore some sort of head covering almost all the time. Men could wear a knit wool cap (known as a "Monmouth cap"), a flat round hat, or a "cocked" hat. Hats were made by professional "milliners" or "hatters" (like the "Mad Hatter" in Alice in Wonderland!)

Cocked Hats: Today we think of these as "tri-corner" or "three-cornered" hats, but the Colonists knew them as "cocked hats". Cocked hats have 3 points on them – one in front (the cock, meaning "Turned up") and two on the side, resulting in a flat back. There was also a "cockade" which referred to the button and bow on one point. Cocked hats were also lined inside.

Supplies	Steps
• Attached Template • Scissors • Staples • Crayons/markers (if you want)	1. Color in the hat (if you wish to) 2. Cut out the three pieces 3. Staple them together to fit, using the tabs.

Did You Know? Both Washington and the British ordered their soldiers to wear cocked hats as part of the military drill. Soldiers wore the front point (cock) not straight forward as you might expect today, but just over their left eye, resulting in almost a "jaunty" angle.