

Powdered Wigs

The powdered wigs that Patriots wore were inspired by European fashion. It was considered a symbol of power. The powder used to make the wigs white kept hair lice at bay.

Three easy ways to make a powdered wig:

Wig #1

Glue cotton balls onto a white painter's cap. Allow time to dry. Wear the hat backwards. Painter's caps can be purchased at a craft store.

Wig #2

Staple 1 1/2" strips of construction paper to the inside of your Tricorn hat. Curl with a pencil.

Wig #3

Cut a rectangle (about 2' x 1 1/2') of cotton quilt batting. Fold the material long-ways into loose pleats. Staple together at one end to hold the pleats in place. Place on your head with the stapled end in front. Secure the other end at the nape of your neck with a ribbon.



Wig #1