NOTES:

1. Fabric grain follows vertical lines of graph paper.

2. Pattern pieces are drawn without seam allowance.

3. The waistcoat is back-stitched; lining and pocket flaps are whip-stitched.

4. Center-front closure of twenty-two ¾-inch-diameter self-covered buttons with fifteen 1¼-inch functional buttonholes reinforced with buttonhole stitch that extends ¼ inch beyond the buttonhole opening; seven buttons are non-functional.

5. Six ⅛-inch diameter self-covered non-functional buttons are located below each pocket opening. Finished pocket flaps conceal most of the buttons.

6. Side seams terminate at pocket.

7. The back of the waistcoat is composed of linen plain weave. The collar line and the armseye are finished on the inside with a 1-inch bias strip of the same linen. The center-back seam is only sewn 8 ½ inches from the top. Beneath this seam, eleven pairs of eyelets (round holes reinforced with thread) line a 19 ½-inch open-seam slit. These are interlaced with twill-tape to adjust the size.

8. To further adjust size, two pairs of ½-inch-wide linen tapes, each about 18 inches long, are sewn at the side seam, one at 18 ¼ and one at 8 ½ inches from the hem and tied at the center back.

9. Center-front edges and skirts are stiffened with an interlining.

10. The waistcoat fronts, pockets, and pocket flaps are lined with linen plain weave.

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