RESOURCES FOR A REGENCY GOWN

Local Dressmakers
I have contacted both of these ladies. Each is willing to take on a limited number of clients on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact them directly to make arrangements.

Kimberly C. Field
kcfield1@gmail.com  410-366-5033

Joyce McDonald
jwmcdonald@verizon.net  301-779-5825

eBay Seller
periodgoods
I have seen one of her finished dresses. She has a 100% positive feedback rating. Here is what she says:
You are purchasing a custom Regency-style gown in your size, made of cotton fabric. This Empire-waisted gown is gathered at the bust into an underbust band. The skirt is straight at the front and gathered at the back. The sleeves pictured in the Gallery Photo are short and puffy, but you may instead choose elbow length or long sleeves. On the inside of the bodice, I have sewn a grosgrain ribbon into the underbust band so that you may draw the gown as close under your bust as you like. This gown is fully lined in cotton -- bodice and skirt. Of the sleeve choices, the elbow length sleeves are lined. Long sleeves may be lined on request (please ask when giving measurements). Short puffy sleeves are unlined. The gown closes in back with buttons.

(The above listings are provided for information only. I have seen their work and have found it satisfactory, but I offer no guarantees. All arrangements are between you and the seller.)

If you want to try your own look, either from your closet or a thrift store, check out this website:

For the Make-a-Dress Weekend, August 16-18
We will be using this pattern.
Pre-workshop instructions will be sent when you register.

You can order the pattern directly from the company:
www.folkwear.com

Folkwear
The Old Fire Station
Box 189
Barnardsville NC 28709
1-888-200-9099
Costume Sources

Artistic Costumes in Towson has costumes for rent:
http://www.artisticcostumes.com/index.html

Jennie Chancey has a fabulous website with a basic Regency dress pattern, and multiple links to online shops:
http://sensibility.com/

Lots of useful information on hair and accessories at
http://www.songsmyth.com/costumecreation.html

And additional info at
http://www.vintagedancers.org/costume1810.html#m
http://www.vintagedancers.org/costume1810men.html

Low-tech videos on how to do it yourself from thrift store clothes:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLTQtgsM1CI
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5KKVigeaD9c

Aylwen Gardiner-Garden does lovely work, although she's in Australia:

Men's Outfits

A truly authentic man's regency coat is going to run upward of $150, and probably twice that. You can approximate for considerably less by searching e-bay for used tailcoats being sold by formal wear suppliers.

A quick man's regency look can be had with:

-- One pair white men's dance tights (~$30.00)
-- One pair black men's dance flats ($30.00 for the Capezio soft sole model)
-- One white shirt with the collar turned up
-- One yard of white cotton, folded diagonally into a long strip and tied in a big bow as a cravat
-- One vest, preferably patterned
-- White gloves (buy them online from marching band suppliers)
-- One tailcoat (purchase used from e-bay for ~$40.00)

Optionally, you can make a top hat from craft felt and styrofoam for a fraction of the price of real top hats.