

Nuns and Monks

Stephen of Canterbury (Stephen Wilson) supplied the original pattern for the monks' robes. Hilary then took that pattern and made a few alterations. She also put together a detailed verbal description.

Apparently, the plans worked well, because all of the monks robes delivered to us at Pennsic fit perfectly and looked nearly identical. To the best of my knowledge, these are the people who made the monks' robes. If I missed you, let me know. Forgive me, but at the time of their delivery, I probably missed some of you!

Duncan Mac na Ceardadh
Lady Svea the Shortsighted & Friends
Sibley of Nether Cerne
Stephen of Canterbury
Hieronymous
John and Joan Lambert (Lambert de Sur)
Lady Jehanne Du May

In addition, Amalie Warrenne, Katarina and Marie DeRossett made Dominican nuns' habits by adjusting the monks' robes in consultation with nuns at a contemporary convent in their area. The white robes made a striking statement in contrast to the black of the monks' robes.



Above (left to right): Marie, Boleslav, Amalie and Katarina.

Below: Excerpt from Hilary's letter describing the construction of the monks' robes.

Enclosed you will find the pattern for our 16th Century Benedictine monk's robes. Make one for yourself and as many others as you like - we can't have too many.

The pattern is not difficult. I have made minor adjustments to the original, graciously provided by Stephen Wilson (Stephen of Canterbury), and tried to give directions as simply as possible because we have people with varied sewing skills working on this. If I have insulted your intelligence, I'm sorry! But even if you're a beginner at sewing, you should be able to make a monk's robe (or three or four) using this pattern .