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The 1622 Jamestown list specifies a waste-coate. Over time the spelling for the word waste-coate has changed to waistcoat. Waistcoat appears to have a word origin in 1666 with King Charles II. That garment is a fitted vest. I am interrupting the word waste-coat to mean the outer garment worn for weather protection. Otherwise the 1622 Jamestown list does not have bad weather gear. The promoters of the New World were well aware of the cold weather of the New England area and much less prepared for our hot and muggy summers.

The coat pattern was a bit of a challenge. First the doublet pattern had to be drafted, adjusted, and fitted. Then the pattern had to be altered into a coat. The directions in the *Tudor Child* just stated to add 2 to 4 inches depending on the age of the child. The directions also stated where certain lines should be on the body and how much to increase the width to accommodate the layers. The text in the *Tudor Child* was very sparse for



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Virginia is hot in the summer and usually not terribly cold in the winter. I do not feel that William will have need of a wool coat for most of the year, hence his coat is made from a heavy linen. It is lined with a striped linen because the fabric was cheap and it itches a bit. I could not make any garments that directly touch the skin with it or complaints would be issued. The coat is also missing an inner lining layer, again this was compromise between wearability and practicality.