



Nicho with Nativity Group

Date

Late 18th century

Primary Maker

Artist not recorded

Medium

Wood, paint, gesso

Description

Made to hang on wall. Solid wooden back, floor and roof, pillars at sides, painted and gessoed, a cherub head at back center in gesso relief. Figures of Mary, Joseph and

Nino are miniature bultos. Mary and Joseph kneeling, original pegged to floor; Nino nude, blonde, in painted wood cradle with fancy shell-form headboard. These are of a late 18th century style in construction and detail. This is a rather unusual piece in its relative completeness for santero New Mexico where the Christmas scene was often limited to the Holy Child in its manger.

Dimensions

Overall: 22 13/16 x 27 3/16 x 7 1/16 in. (58 x 69 x 18 cm)