



La Sagrada Papel (The Holy Paper)

Date

March 14, 2020

Primary Maker

Arthur López

Medium

Pine wood, handmade gesso, water based pigment

Description

Roll of unfurled toilet paper backed by gold rays sitting on a blue base. A humorous commentary on the hoarding of toilet paper at the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak,

the artist created this piece in the style of the New Mexican santero tradition “for protection from running out of toilet paper.” Complete with its golden resplendor, this piece represents the exaltation of toilet paper as the most holy and desired of objects. The artist states: “During these difficult times I wanted to make a lighthearted piece to reflect on the social situation that our country is going through. How something we generally take for granted and use every day has created one of the biggest panic buys of the corona pandemic” (from exhibition label text).

Dimensions

10 7/16 × 13 3/8 × 6 11/16 in. (26.5 × 34 × 17 cm)