



Matchstick Madonna

Date

1956

Primary Maker

Napoleon Paouette

Medium

Wood, plastic, paint, paper, ink, metal

Description

Light skinned plastic Madonna in off-white dress and blue robe and off-white head covering, all trimmed in dulled gold, stands with arms outstretched atop a seven tiered

base of white painted wood stairs fronted with white painted match sticks in repeated stepped terrace motif with red painted tips. Pairs of small stairs run from the base, with a single set of stairs to the top platform where the Madonna stands. The back is not stepped, but the matches continue in seven rows across the back. On the bottom is written: To Mr & Mrs Esmire Thibeault 33 Elm St From Napoleon Paouette 1956.

Dimensions

Overall: 14 1/8 x 15 15/16 x 12 in. (35.8 x 40.5 x 30.5 cm)