

Basic Detail Report



Kachina

Date

1900-1920

Primary Maker

Hopi

Medium

Cottonwood root, pigment

Description

Corn symbolizes the connection between humans and the spirit world and has sacred power for the Hopi. This kachina's name, hemis, means ripened corn. Corn is painted on its towering headdress. Many hemis kachina

carry gourd rattles that simulate the sound of life-giving rain. Other references to rain include the stepped outline of the headdress, which symbolizes clouds, and the rainbow at the center.

Dimensions

Overall: 16 × 5 1/4 × 4 in. (40.6 × 13.3 × 10.2 cm)