



Cradleboard

Date

c. 1870

Primary Maker

Mohawk (Haudenosaunee)

Medium

Wood, hide, pigment, metal

Description

An Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) mother could carry her baby with ease in a cradle such as this one. The bow at the front protected the baby if the cradle fell over. The baby was swaddled in a cloth that wrapped around the back of the cradle. A footboard at the bottom helped support the baby's weight (the footboard is missing here).

The Scottish thistles in the Grecian-style vase, heart motif

and stars on this cradle reflect the artistic influences of the Iroquois, French and English people living in Quebec and New York.

Dimensions

Overall: 33 × 14 3/4 in. (83.8 × 37.5 cm)