

Basic Detail Report



Doll

Date

c. 1940

Primary Maker

Inuit

Medium

Body of parka is arctic ground squirrel, hood ruff is wolf fur, hide, wood, woolen yarn, pigment, thread

Description

Dolls have long been central to Arctic cultural traditions. Some dolls were made as a mothers gift to her child, some by young girls themselves as a way to learn proper sewing skills. Creating doll cloths was a valuable learning experience as a girl would learn to prepare the materials and sewing the pieces together. Dolls were also made for trade and sale to non-Natives. The parka is essential to Arctic clothing and provided physical protection from the cold. This Eskimo doll is wearing a summer parka made

out of ground squirrel fur and mukluks. Medium/Materials: Wolf fur, hide, wood, woolen yarn, pigment, thread; Marks: White tag in black mechanical ink: "C-NC-38-72"; Under right proper foot in black mechanical ink: "3872";

Dimensions

Overall: 13 3/4 × 9 3/4 × 2 in. (34.9 × 24.8 × 5.1 cm)