

Basic Detail Report



Title Child's Armchair

Date 1790-1820

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Maple, various woods, and red and black paint

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Description Painted child's armchair in the Windsor style, with bamboo-turned

posts, arm supports, and legs, and a plank seat. The back of the chair is formed

by a rectangular crest rail at the top between two four-part bamboo-turned

posts. Below the crest rail, there are four slender spindles that are tapered from

bottom to top (two are broken). Each three-part bamboo-turned arm is

supported at the front by a two-part bamboo-turned arm support. The plank

seat is square with rounded corners. The sides of the seat are chamfered. Below

the seat, there are four three-part bamboo-turned legs that slant out from top to

bottom. All four sides of the armchair have one plain turned stretcher

connecting the lower portion of the legs. The front and back stretchers are

higher up the legs than the side stretchers. The armchair is painted with red

paint over black paint. Condition: The two center spindles are broken; the top of

each is missing. The red paint is a later addition; it is worn or flaking over all the

surfaces of the chair, revealing the black paint below. Design and Construction

Details: The crest rail is tenoned into the post on each side. The spindles are

tenoned into the crest rail above and into the plank seat below. The posts are

tenoned into the plank seat. Each arm is tenoned into the post at the back and is

supported at the front by a tenon at the top of the arm support. The seat is

supported on a tenon at the top of each of the legs. The stretchers are tenoned

into the legs. All the tenons are inserted at an angle, where necessary, to give the

proper slant to the posts, the arm supports, and the legs.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (overall height x width x depth): 20 1/2 x 12 3/4

x 10 7/16in. (52.1 x 32.4 x 26.5cm)