

Basic Detail Report



Title Doll

Date 1875-1900

Primary Maker Caroline Wood

Medium Cotton, metal

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Description Handmade African American doll named Aunt Jemima said to be

made by Caroline Wood, late 19th century. The doll consists of a main fabric

head and torso with shaped fabric tubes for the arms and legs. The doll and

dress are both sewn by machine, the face of the doll features hand embroidery

and applique. The face, torso, arms, and thighs of the doll are constructed from

brown fabric. The lower leg is constructed from green check-patterned fabric,

and the shoes area of the leg are black fabric. The doll's hair is black yarn hand-

stitched to the head, the yarn covers the back of the hair and hairline, but does

not extend out from the crown. The eyebrows and the nose of the doll are

embroidered in a stem stitch with black floss. The whites of the doll's eyes are

white fabric appliqued to the face, a metal snap is sewn to each eye to create the

appearance of a pupil. To create the mouth of the doll, a red fabric oval has been

appliqued to the face, a smile shape is embroidered atop the red oval in stem

stitch with red floss. The doll's dress is red printed cotton with a white, blue,

and green floral pattern, it is a wrap-style dress with cream-colored ric rac trim

at the neckline and sleeve cuffs. There are manual repairs to the heel and toe of

the shoe area of the right leg.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width x height): 19 × 2 × 16in. (48.3

× 5.1 × 40.6cm)