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Title Hand Puppet

Date 1858

Primary Maker Albert G. Walker

Medium Carved and painted wood; hand-stitched, plain-woven glazed cotton; felted wool; thread; nails; horns made of fabric, paper, and wire

Description Devil hand puppet made of a piece of wood that is carved at one end to form a neck and head. Fabric, paper, and wire extend up off the head to form two horns. A separate piece of wood is glued to the face to form a long, hooked nose. A mouth and the outline for large, round eyes were carved out. The head is painted black; the mouth and eyes are painted a deep red. The pupils of the eyes are made of small, round pieces of gold paper. Clothing. The puppet wears a hooded cloak made of hand-stitched, plain-woven olive-brown glazed cotton; the hood is actually a separate piece than the cloak, and it is attached to the back of the head with three nails. The olive-brown glazed cotton extends up onto the base of the horns, which are covered in alternating stripes of red, black, and red fabric. The front of the cloak is stitched at the proper left side; it is cut diagonally to drape down on the proper right side. Beneath the cloak is a piece of black felted wool that comes to a point at the front. None of the edges on the costume are finished; the edges of the glazed cotton, and especially the edges of the black felted wool, are fraying.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including horns x width x depth): 30 1/2 x 9 1/2 x 3in. (77.5 x 24.1 x 7.6cm)