

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY



Handmade Brazilian folk art doll

CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$60 – \$150

Based on comparable sales of handmade, embroidered Bahia/Baiana folk art dolls

Bahia Doll

Handmade Folk Art Figure — Bahia, Brazil

HISTORY

Bahia dolls, often called "Baianas," represent the traditional dress of women from Salvador da Bahia in northeastern Brazil — a region famed for its Afro-Brazilian culture, cuisine, and street-vendor traditions. Handmade by folk artists using cloth, embroidery, and hand-stitched detailing, these dolls traditionally depict the flowing turbans, layered skirts, and beaded jewelry associated with Bahian street vendors (baianas de acarajé) and practitioners of Candomblé religious tradition. Each doll is entirely handmade — a labor-intensive, one-at-a-time process passed down through generations of folk artisans rather than mass-produced.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ♦ Origin: Bahia (Salvador), Brazil
- ♦ Construction: Handmade cloth body with hand-embroidered costume detail
- ♦ Depicts traditional Baiana dress — turban, layered skirt, beaded jewelry
- ♦ One-of-a-kind folk-art construction, not mass produced
- ♦ Condition: good, consistent with handmade textile construction

COLLECTOR NOTES

Bahia/Baiana dolls are collected both as folk art and as ethnographic textile pieces documenting Afro-Brazilian cultural traditions. Because each is entirely handmade rather than factory produced, quality and value vary considerably based on the fineness of the embroidery and beadwork — finer, more elaborately detailed examples bring the strongest prices among folk-art and international doll collectors.

