

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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Vintage Anglo Raj Hand-Crafted Stuffed Cotton Embroidered Folk Art Animals — India, circa 1950s



Anglo Raj Embroidered Elephant — India, c. 1950s



Anglo Raj Embroidered Animal Figure — India, c. 1950s

HISTORY

The Anglo Raj folk art tradition emerged from the rich textile heritage of Rajasthan, India, flourishing during and after the British colonial period. Skilled artisans — primarily from the Rajasthani craft communities — created these stuffed cotton animals by hand, using salvaged and embroidered fabrics, mirror work (shisha), wool tassels, and vibrant thread embroidery. Each piece was entirely handmade: cut, stuffed with raw cotton, then lovingly embroidered and adorned. The elephant holds a place of special reverence in Indian culture, symbolizing wisdom, good fortune, and royal power. These folk art pieces were prized souvenirs for British colonists and later became sought-after collectibles worldwide. Production centered in Rajasthan, with artisan families passing techniques across generations.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Origin: Rajasthan, India — Anglo Raj period
- ◆ Era: circa 1950s — post-colonial folk art tradition
- ◆ Construction: Hand-stuffed cotton, patchwork textile panels
- ◆ Decoration: Hand embroidery, wool tassels, shisha mirror work
- ◆ Subjects: Elephants and other animals (bulls, horses, donkeys)
- ◆ Sizes: Small (approx. 6"–9") and Medium (approx. 10"–14")
- ◆ Colors: Vibrant multi-colored patchwork — no two pieces identical
- ◆ Each piece is entirely unique — true one-of-a-kind folk art
- ◆ Condition: Good to excellent for age — colors bright and vivid
- ◆ Collection: Multiple pieces, small and medium sizes

CURRENT MARKET VALUE RANGE

Item Type	Size	Market Value Range	Notes
Embroidered Elephant	Small (6"–9")	\$35 – \$75	Per piece; condition dependent
Embroidered Elephant	Medium (10"–14")	\$75 – \$150	Higher with mirror work & tassels intact
Other Animals (Bull, Horse, Donkey)	Small (6"–9")	\$30 – \$65	Elephants typically command premium
Other Animals (Bull, Horse, Donkey)	Medium (10"–14")	\$60 – \$125	Exceptional pieces up to \$150+

◆ Market values based on 2024–2025 eBay sold listings, Etsy, 1stDibs, and Poshmark data for Anglo Raj folk art animals in comparable condition. Exceptional color retention, intact mirror work, and original tassels increase value. Prices reflect individual per-piece estimates.

COLLECTOR NOTES

Anglo Raj embroidered animals are increasingly recognized as significant examples of Indian folk art from the mid-20th century. No two pieces are identical — each reflects the individual artisan's hand and the patchwork textiles available at the time. Collectors particularly prize examples with vibrant, unfaded color, intact wool tassels, and shisha mirror embellishments. The elephant form remains the most collectible and commands the highest prices. This collection represents a rare and charming assemblage of authentic Rajasthani handcraft from the 1950s.

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