

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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"D is for Daddy's Babies"

Karen Germany • Boxed Miniature African American Baby Doll • approx. 3¼" • Boxed

ESTIMATED WORTH

\$30 – \$60

Reflects the documented Karen Germany line, the original box with its lace-trimmed bed, and the small scale.



The baby peeks over the edge of her box



Resting on her lace-trimmed pink bed



Her original window box, with the Daddy's Babies stork

History & Background

Karen Germany is a Texas-born doll designer who began making primitive dolls as a hobby in 1979 and started selling them locally before her work reached collectors across the country. She is best known for *Daddy's Long Legs*, a line of African American character dolls that she sculpted first in clay and then had cast in wood resin and hand painted. The long-legged dolls, with their distinctive folk-art faces and costumes, became highly collectible in the 1980s and 1990s, and many were issued in numbered series,

special editions, and signed examples.

Daddy's Babies is the little sister line to those tall dolls. Each baby comes in her own small cardboard presentation box with a clear window, printed with a cheerful stork carrying a bundle and the alphabet-block lettering that gives the series its name: "*D*" is for *Daddy's*. Listings for the line date examples to about 1999, and the babies were sold as small gift-sized companions to the larger dolls. Each one lies in a nest of wood shavings behind the window, and under the lid a lace-trimmed pink satin pillow holds her like a tiny cradle.

This baby measures about 3¼ inches long and is shown with her arms raised and one leg bent, as if she has just woken up. Sculpted by hand and cast in wood resin like her taller relatives, she has painted black hair and a softly painted face, and she is still in her original box, with the lace-trimmed bed intact. She joined the Mom's Joy Room collection in October 2026, where she rests with her Daddy's Long Legs relatives.

Notable Information

- ◆ Designer: Karen Germany, creator of the *Daddy's Long Legs* African American doll line
- ◆ Line: *Daddy's Babies*, "D is for Daddy's," the boxed miniature baby series
- ◆ Size: approximately 3¼" long
- ◆ Presentation: original window box printed with ABC blocks and a stork, with a lace-trimmed pink satin bed
- ◆ Material: cast wood resin, hand painted — the same medium Karen Germany used for her Daddy's Long Legs dolls
- ◆ Details: painted black hair and face, arms raised, one leg bent
- ◆ Condition: the box and bedding are intact and the baby is clean
- ◆ Attribution: identified from the original box and the documented Daddy's Babies line; no incised artist's mark was examined
- ◆ Joined the collection: October 2026

Collector's Notes

Karen Germany's Daddy's Long Legs dolls are the sought-after part of her work, and the tall signed and numbered examples bring the higher prices. The Daddy's Babies are the more affordable entry to the line, and they are most appealing when they keep their original box, as this one does. Because the box is part of the charm, it is best displayed as it is, out of sunlight and away from damp.

"The smallest one in the family, tucked in with lace and a stork to thank."

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