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Naber Eskimo Doll Family — Set of Four

Naber Doll Company • Homer, Alaska • circa 1970s–1980s

ESTIMATED WORTH

\$250 – \$450

Reflects the complete four-figure family grouping, intact genuine fur trim, and original Naber Doll Company tags — intact matched sets are far scarcer than loose singles.



*The complete family of four — father, mother, child, and baby
— dressed for the Alaskan cold*



*Back view — original Naber Doll Company, Homer, Alaska
tags still attached; the tallest figure stands about 8"*

History & Background

This family of four Eskimo figures was made by the Naber Doll Company of Homer, Alaska — the work of Harald P. Naber, a German-born craftsman who immigrated to Alaska in 1967 and settled in the small fishing town of Homer, on Kachemak Bay. There he began hand-crafting figures inspired by the Native Alaskan peoples of the region, eventually building a devoted collector following under the "Naber" name. His Alaska-era pieces predate the better-known "Naber Kids" line he later produced in Homosassa, Florida, and the Homer-made figures are generally regarded by collectors as the earlier, more sought-after chapter of his work.

Each figure in this set was shaped from wood and finished by hand, with glossy painted features and carefully applied details. What sets Naber's Alaska work apart is his use of genuine fur — not synthetic plush — for the parka ruffs and trim that frame each face, a material choice that gives the figures an authenticity all its own. The family grouping comprises an adult male figure, an adult female figure, an older child, and a small infant bundled in its own fur-trimmed parka, a composition that reads like a single scene of Arctic family life rather than four separate souvenirs.

Several pieces retain their original yellow "Naber Doll Company, P.O. Box 1129, Homer, Alaska 99603" hang tags — a genuine asset, as intact tags both confirm attribution and date the set firmly to the Homer production years. Tourist and gift-shop figures of this kind were made in small numbers by hand, and complete matched family sets that have stayed together for some fifty years are an uncommon find. This set joined the Mom's Joy Room collection in September 2026.

Notable Information

- ◆ Maker: Naber Doll Company — Harald P. Naber, Homer, Alaska (post-1967)
- ◆ Attribution: mark-confirmed via original "Naber Doll Company, Homer, Alaska 99603" hang tags on the figures
- ◆ Era: circa 1970s–1980s, Homer production years
- ◆ Set: four figures — father, mother, older child, and infant
- ◆ Construction: shaped wood with hand-painted features and glossy painted finish
- ◆ Trim: genuine fur parka ruffs on all four figures
- ◆ Condition: very good — paint glossy, fur intact, no visible losses
- ◆ Joined the collection: September 2026

Collector's Notes

Individual Naber Homer-era figures typically trade in the \$45–90 range each, with larger adult figures at the top of that spread. This set's value rests on the grouping itself: families that have remained complete, with original tags and fur intact, surface far less often than loose singles, and collectors of Alaska-made folk art actively seek such intact sets. Naber's Alaska-made pieces carry a premium over his later Florida "Naber Kids" line among Alaska collectors.

"Fifty years on, and this family never left each other's side. Now they've moved from Kachemak Bay to the hills of West Virginia — together, as always."

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