

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY



*Original Babyland General soft sculpture
with Xavier Roberts signature, c. 1983*

CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$150 – \$300

*Based on 2024–2025 sold listings
for signed 22" Xavier Roberts
Little People soft sculptures*

Cabbage Patch Kids — Little People

Original Soft Sculpture by Xavier Roberts, 1983

Babyland General Hospital — Cleveland, GA

HISTORY

The story of the Cabbage Patch Kids begins with a young Georgia folk artist named Xavier Roberts, who in 1978 began crafting one-of-a-kind soft sculpture dolls using an old German needle-molding technique. He called his creations "The Little People" and sold them from a renovated clinic in Cleveland, Georgia — reimagined as "Babyland General Hospital," where dolls were not sold but "adopted." Each doll was signed by Roberts on its backside and came with its own unique name and birth certificate. By 1983, the phenomenon had swept the nation — nearly 3 million dolls were adopted that year alone, sparking the famous "Cabbage Patch Riots" in toy stores across America. The original hand-crafted Babyland General soft sculptures, predating the mass-produced Coleco version, are now among the most sought-after American folk art toys of the 20th century.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Maker: Xavier Roberts — Original Appalachian Artworks, Inc.
- ◆ Label: "Cabbage Patch Kids — The Little People from Babyland General"
- ◆ Copyright: © 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983 — Original Appalachian Artworks, Inc.
- ◆ Location: Cleveland, GA 30528 — Babyland General Hospital
- ◆ Size: 22" — full original soft sculpture format
- ◆ Features: Blonde yarn hair, blue eyes, pink floral smocked dress with eyelet trim
- ◆ Signed by Xavier Roberts — hand signature on foot
- ◆ Construction: Needle-molded pressed fabric face, cloth body, stuffed
- ◆ Condition: Very good vintage — vivid colors, intact costume

♦ Era: 1983 — peak of the original Little People phenomenon

COLLECTOR NOTES

Original Xavier Roberts signed soft sculptures from Babyland General Hospital are far rarer and more valuable than the mass-produced Coleco Cabbage Patch Kids that followed. This 22" example with the original Babyland General label, Xavier Roberts hand signature, and intact 1983 costume is a genuine piece of American pop culture history. Signed examples with original clothing in very good condition regularly sell in the \$150–\$300 range, with exceptional pieces reaching higher. At \$160 paid, this doll was acquired at fair market value — and her condition and provenance support strong resale potential.

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