

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION & VALUATION

Handmade Folk Art Doll — Native American Style

DRUMMER DOLL

24" Handmade — Leather Face & Trim — Wool Trade Blanket Fabric



A 24" handmade folk art doll depicting a seated figure holding a hand drum — leather face and trim with feather accent, long yarn braids, wool trade-blanket pattern garment, and hide moccasins

"Drummer" Folk Art Doll

24" Handmade — Leather Face & Trim — Feather Accent — Yarn Braids — Wool Trade Blanket Garment — Hide Moccasins

HISTORY

This large, handmade folk art doll depicts a seated figure holding a hand drum, its posture and expression suggesting a moment of quiet ceremony or song. Standing 24" tall, the companion piece to the "Mother & Child" doll, this figure features a hand-shaped leather face with stitched and painted features, accented with a feather at the hairline, leather trim throughout, long braided yarn hair, and a garment made from the same red, black, and gray wool trade-blanket pattern fabric. The figure's hands are carefully posed holding a small hand drum, and the piece is finished with soft hide moccasins. Dolls of this style have long been created both within Native American communities and by folk artists inspired by that tradition, often made for the collector and tourist trade throughout the 20th century.

◆ *A quiet, ceremonial pose — hand-stitched in leather and wool, drum in hand.* ◆

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Size: 24" tall — a substantial, display-worthy scale
- ◆ Face: Hand-shaped leather with stitched/painted features
- ◆ Trim: Leather accents throughout
- ◆ Hair: Long braided yarn, dark brown/black, feather accent
- ◆ Garment: Wool fabric, red/black/gray trade-blanket pattern
- ◆ Feet: Soft hide moccasins
- ◆ Detail: Hands posed holding a small hand drum
- ◆ Construction: Entirely handmade, quality craftsmanship throughout

CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$75 – \$175

Large handmade folk art dolls of this quality and size command a premium over mass-produced Skookum-style examples

*Folk art & Native-style doll
market data 2024–2025*

COLLECTOR NOTES

Attribution note: No maker's mark or label is present. This doll is described as "Native American style" reflecting its design and construction tradition; a specific tribal affiliation, region, or individual artist is not confirmed. Companion piece to a second handmade doll in the same style depicting a seated mother figure with a baby.

*"Hand-stitched in leather and wool, holding his drum
in quiet ceremony — a folk art figure full of
character."*

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