

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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CERTIFICATE OF DESCRIPTION & VALUATION

Vintage Wooden Rocking Horse — Fiber Mane & Tail



MARKET VALUE

\$150–275

Realistic quick-sale price, private/shop market

ESTIMATED WORTH

\$300–425

Ceiling for vintage rocking horse specialty collectors



*Vintage wooden rocking horse, dark stained finish
Synthetic fiber mane & tail — leather bridle
Shown at left in shop's floor display lineup
(alongside other rocking horses, sold separately)*

Vintage Wooden Rocking Horse

Dark Stained Finish — Synthetic Fiber Mane & Tail — Leather Bridle

HISTORY

The classic bow-rocker wooden rocking horse has been a staple of children's nurseries since the Victorian era, when carved rocking horses first became widely popular across both Europe and America as a safer, gentler alternative to riding a real pony. By the 20th century, manufacturers had refined the form into countless variations — from museum-quality carved and dappled examples to simpler, mass-produced versions intended for everyday family use. This example is a dark-stained wooden rocking horse of traditional form: a shaped wood body mounted on a curved wooden rocker base, fitted with a leather bridle and a full mane and tail made from a synthetic fiber material rather than natural hair or yarn — a common and durable substitute used across many decades of rocking horse production, prized by families for standing up well to years of active play.

While no maker's mark is visible, the overall form, proportions, and construction are consistent with mid-to-late 20th century rocking horse production, whether

produced commercially or by a smaller regional woodworking shop. Horses of this type were built to be ridden and rocked by children for years at a time, and surviving examples in solid, functional condition — as this one is — continue to be sought after both by collectors of vintage children's furniture and toys, and by buyers simply looking for a charming, functional piece for a child's room or nursery-themed decor.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Type: Traditional bow-rocker style wooden rocking horse
- ◆ Finish: Dark stained wood body
- ◆ Mane & Tail: Synthetic fiber construction — full and intact
- ◆ Tack: Leather bridle
- ◆ Base: Curved wooden rocker
- ◆ Maker: Not confirmed — no mark visible; consistent with mid-to-late 20th century production
- ◆ Condition: Structurally sound, presentable for display or continued use

Collector's note: Because no maker's mark is present, this piece is valued here as a quality vintage wooden rocking horse rather than a confirmed maker-attributed antique. Comparable wooden rocking horses with intact mane, tail, and tack in solid, functional condition typically sell in the \$150–425 range, with well-preserved examples from known makers or with natural hair/yarn manes commanding more. Market Value reflects realistic private-sale/shop pricing given the synthetic fiber mane and unconfirmed maker; Estimated Worth reflects the ceiling a buyer furnishing a nursery or a vintage toy collector might pay for a solid, complete example like this one.

"A faithful nursery companion — rocked through countless bedtimes, her fiber mane still full and her bridle still buckled."

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