



Doll with plain body

Not on display

Title/Description: Doll with plain body

Object Type: Figure, Fragment

Materials: Walrus ivory

Measurements: h. 79 x w. 30 x d. 25 mm

Accession Number: 737

Historic Period: 19th century or earlier

Production Place: Alaska, North America, The Americas

Credit Line: Purchased with support from Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1980

This figure may be a doll, though, as Fitzhugh and Kaplan explain (1982: fig. 190), such images were also used for other purposes. Inuit dolls often have only a head and body, the arms and legs of the

costume supplying the limbs. The mouth and moustache markings suggest a male is represented, though the single hole in the lower lip does not correspond to the usual male twin labret form. The eyes and nostrils are drilled; the nose septum is broken.

Steven Hooper, 1997

Entry taken from *Robert and Lisa Sainsbury Collection, Vol. 2: Pacific, African and Native North American Art*, edited by Steven Hooper (Yale University Press, 1997) p. 247.

Provenance

Purchased by the Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia from Arbutus Limited on the advice of Robert Sainsbury in 1980 out of income from the Sainsbury Purchasing Fund.
