



## Nicho with Nativity Group

### Date

Late 18th century

### Primary Maker

Artist not recorded

### Medium

Wood, paint, gesso

### Description

Made to hang on wall. Solid wooden back, floor and roof, pillars at sides, painted and gessoed, a cherub head at back center in gesso relief. Figures of Mary, Joseph and

Nino are miniature bultos. Mary and Joseph kneeling, original pegged to floor; Nino nude, blonde, in painted wood cradle with fancy shell-form headboard. These are of a late 18th century style in construction and detail. This is a rather unusual piece in its relative completeness for santero New Mexico where the Christmas scene was often limited to the Holy Child in its manger.

### Dimensions

Overall: 22 13/16 x 27 3/16 x 7 1/16 in. (58 x 69 x 18 cm)