

Basic Detail Report



Gesu Bambino

Date

Mid-19th century

Primary Maker

Artist not recorded

Medium

Paper, fiber, straw, ink, paint (watercolor)

Description

Heavy vellum paper cut in ornate form centers a haloed, bunting wrapped baby. Baby Jesus' face is printed and hand colored with watercolors. The bunting is made from scraps of embroidered fabric with applied thin horizontal cut straw lines and zigzags. The ornate surround is also decorated with natural or dyed cut straw edging, a red cross over Christ's head, and symbols of the passion (dice, pliers, rooster, ladder, etc.). The card is tacked at top and bottom to a later backing of blue painted cardboard.

Dimensions

Overall: 7 5/16 x 4 1/2 in. (18.6 x 11.4 cm)