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Antique Straw Work Noahs Ark - with animals, birds and figures

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1078423****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

This lovely flat bottomed wooden and straw work Noah's Ark with approx 30 wooden animals, birds and additionally three people. probably originated from the Erzgebirge region of Germany, c1880. It has a sliding pannel to access the animals , amongst which are dogs, elephant, rabbit, birds, cow, camel etc all having lovely individual face expressions. Each animal would have been hand painted. It measures 33cm w x 15cm h x 10cm w. Noah's Arks were very popular children's toys in the 19th century and most wealthy families would own one, which would be permitted to be played with on a Sunday only! The majority of Noah's Arks were made in Germany and there were basically three different types. A flat bottom one, pictured here, a round bottom one and a bottom in the shape of a boat. The animals went in and out of the ark via either the roof or a sliding side panel, and were decorated by either painting, lithographics or the finest ones were straw work, illustrated here. These antique wood and straw arks were made with individual pieces of straw and would be stained to give a multi coloured effect. Noah's Arks were not made by big toy companies, in the main it was a cottage ind...

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