



Head from a Statuette of Harpocrates

Date

Early Ptolemaic Period (c. 310 BC - 200 BC), Ptolemaic Dynasty

Primary Maker

Egyptian, anonymous

Medium

terracotta

Description

This head was originally part of a terracotta votive statuette depicting the Egyptian god, Harpocrates. He holds his index finger to his lips in gesture symbolizing his youth. On top of his head are the remnants of a miniature atef crown. The style and iconography of the head are consistent with early Ptolemaic representations of Harpocrates.

Dimensions

Overall: 1 15/16 x 1 1/4 x 1 in. (5 x 3.2 x 2.5 cm) Base: 1 9/16 x 1 7/8 x 1 7/8 in. (3.9 x 4.8 x 4.7 cm)