



Statuette of Imhotep, Seated with Papyrus Scroll

Date

Ptolemaic Period (310 BC - 30 BC), Ptolemaic Dynasty

Primary Maker

Egyptian, anonymous

Medium

bronze

Description

This hollow cast, bronze statuette depicts the deified Egyptian architect, Imhotep, sitting with a papyrus scroll on his lap. He wears a long kilt, necklace, and a tight-fitting skull cap. Imhotep was the architect of the Pharaoh, Djoser (c. 2700 BC), and is credited with designing the famous step pyramid at Saqqara. He began to be

worshiped as a god during the Late Period; his cult was focused at Memphis, where he was considered to be the son of Ptah.

Dimensions

Overall: 3 7/16 x 1 x 1 3/4 in. (8.8 x 2.5 x 4.5 cm) Base: 3 1/4 x 1 15/16 x 2 15/16 in. (8.2 x 4.9 x 7.4 cm)