



Statuette of Nefertem, Standing

Date

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

Primary Maker

Egyptian, anonymous

Medium

bronze

Description

This hollow cast, votive statuette depicts the Egyptian god, Nefertem, striding forward, his arms tightly clasped at his sides. He wears a Shendit-kilt, divine beard, and uraeus. On his head sits a lotus blossom, a symbol of regeneration and rebirth. Nefertem was the son of Ptah and Sehkmet, who together made up the Memphan triad.

Dimensions

Overall: 3 1/16 x 9/16 x 13/16 in. (7.7 x 1.5 x 2 cm)