

Navajo Folk Art

“The art of the people” ...carved of wood, whimsical and reflecting everyday life on the Reservation. Folk art is personal as well as cultural and mingles tradition with modern.

Folk art is often created in an outside shed not in the quiet of an artist studio. Made when all the chores are done, work was not signed until fairly recently partly out of modesty and partly because maybe more than one family member works on a piece. One will carve and one will paint creating whimsical designs and using bright colors.

Animals, trucks carrying sheep to market, chickens , and even school buses containing people and animals are some of the subjects used, along with figures in traditional dress.

There are many families creating this whimsical art all over New Mexico and Arizona.

It is in many museums and private collections all over the world.

The Folk art in the shop is mostly Navajo; however we occasionally receive some Hopi boxes that are merchandised in the Folk Art section.