Construction set - Bauhaus Bauspiel

Object: Construction set

Place of origin: Switzerland (manufactured)

Date: 1988 (manufactured)
1923 (designed)

Artist/Maker: Siedhoff-Buscher, Alma, born 1899 - died 1944 (designer)
Naef Spielzeug (manufacturer)

Materials and Techniques: Painted wood

Credit Line: Given by Mr Anthony Burton

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Gallery location: Museum of Childhood, Creativity Gallery, case 11

Public access description

This wooden construction set was originally designed at the Bauhaus school in Germany by Alma Siedhoff-Buscher in 1923, who had designed brightly coloured, functional furniture and toys for a nursery room in the ‘Haus am Horn’, a show house designed by Georg Muche and built for the Wiemar Bauhaus exhibition in 1923. Each room in the house had specially designed furnishings and hardware created in the Bauhaus workshops.

Set up in 1919, the Bauhaus school had a massive influence upon subsequent developments in art, architecture and modern design. This set was manufactured in Switzerland in 1988.

Descriptive line

Set of Bauspiel construction blocks designed by Alma Siedhoff-Buscher and made by Naef Spielzeug in Switzerland in the 1980s

Physical description

A plain cardboard box with cream coloured label showing four coloured illustrations to be made with the set. There is a cream coloured information sheet in German, French and English on "The Bauhaus and its various effects upon art". The set contains red, white, yellow, blue and green painted wooden blocks. There is one large curved block, two half arches, two rectangular blocks of different lengths, four triangular blocks, five cubes, one cylinder, two flatter rectangular blocks, two sticks and three square blocks. The set contains twenty two blocks in all.

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