



**Date:**

1900

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**Identifier:**

T0428

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**Description:**

Corn symbolizes the connection between humans and the spirit world and has sacred power for the Hopi. This kachina's name, hemis, means ripened corn. Corn is painted on its towering headdress. Many hemis kachina carry gourd rattles that simulate the sound of life-giving rain. Other references to rain include the stepped outline of the headdress, which symbolizes clouds, and the rainbow at the center.

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**Physical dimensions:**

depth 4 in ; height 16 in ; width 5.25 in

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**Format:**

Kachina

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**Coverage:**

Arizona ; Hopi

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