



OBJECT ID	F2014.105
OBJECT NAME	Doll
MEDIUM	Paint
ACCESS POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> blue Evzones fez Fustanella moustache paint Pins Recreational Artifact red Sequins shoes tassels Toy vest White

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Small male doll made out of cloth with black hair and a painted face. Doll wears the attire of an Evzones (Greek National Guard) with a fustanella, a faded red fez with a long black tassel, a red vest, black tassels around his calves and a blue tassel around his waist. His vest is embellished with four sequins and gold trimming. His feet are harder than the rest of his body and are painted red to represent his shoes and the bottoms of his feet are flat so he is able to stand freely and stably. He also has a small black moustache. It appears that his costume has been pinned to his body rather than sewn.

ORIGIN

A doll such as this would likely have been displayed in someone's home as a representation of Greek regional costume.

Evzones refers to the members of the Presidential Guard, an elite ceremonial unit that guards the Greek Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Presidential Mansion and the gate of Evzones camp in Athens.

Though the Presidential Guard is a predominantly ceremonial unit, all Evzones are volunteers drawn from the Hellenic Army's Infantry, Artillery and Armoured Corps. Prospective Evzones are usually identified at the Army Recruit Training Centres during Basic Training; there is a minimum height

requirement of 1.86 m (6' 1.2") to join.

The unit is famous around the world for its unique traditional uniform, which has evolved from the clothes worn by the klephts who fought the Ottoman occupation of Greece. The most visible item of this uniform is the fustanella, a kilt-like garment. Their proven valour and peculiar dress turned them into a popular image for the Greek soldier, especially among foreigners.

CITATION

Doll, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/17/24.
