THE CHAPEL OF SAN ISIDRO ON HIS FEAST DAY (LA ERMITA DE SAN ISIDRO EL DÍA DE LA FIESTA) (SKETCH)

CLASIFICACIÓN: EASEL PAINTING. TAPESTRY CARTOONS

SERIE: TAPESTRY CARTOONS:COUNTRY SCENES (PAINTING AND SKETCHES, 1788) (3/6)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	1788
UBICACIÓN	The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain
DIMENSIONES	41.8 x 43.8 cm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Oil on canvas
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Documented work
TITULAR	El Prado National Museum
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	17 Dec 2009 / 09 Mar 2026
INVENTARIO	63 (P02783)

HISTORIA

The tapestry cartoon for which this sketch was made was never in fact painted. It formed part of the series that would have decorated the bedroom of the Infantas, a commission that Goya received towards the end of

1787 (see *Blind Man's Buff*).

The sketch was acquired from the artist by the Duke and Duchess of Osuna in 1798 and it remained in the cabinet that the Duchess had in La Alameda until it was sold at the time of the bankruptcy of the ducal household in 1896. It was bought for the sum of 3,500 pesetas by Pedro Fernández Durán, who left it to the Prado Museum in 1930. It entered the museum's collection on 2 September 1931.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

The tapestry cartoon that was to have been made from this sketch was never carried out, as occurred with three out of the four sketches in the series meant to adorn the bedroom of the Infantas in the palace of El Pardo. The death of Charles III in December 1788 interrupted the work on the décor of this palace, which the family stopped using soon afterwards.

Because of its subject matter, this work is paired with another sketch for a tapestry cartoon, *The Meadow of San Isidro*. Both of these paintings represent a very specific place in Madrid at a very particular moment: the festivities in honour of the patron saint of the city, in which people of all classes took part, from majos right through to petimetres, all wanting their share of the miraculous water. According to the legend, the saint had brought forth a spring here and on the very spot a shrine was built in the 16th century, later replaced in the 18th century by the chapel that Goya immortalizes here. It is this building that provides the work's pronounced pyramid-shaped composition.

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