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## Santo Domingo Pueblo Dough Bowl c. 20th Century # SF2651

It is not until about 1900 that we begin to see large dough bowls coming from San Domingo Pueblo (now called Kewa by the native inhabitants.) This particular dough bowl dates from somewhere between 1900 and 1920. The unique aspect of the Pueblo dough bowl is that they were made by Indian woman for pueblo use and not often for the tourist market. This example is rather large in size, measuring 9" tall by 16 1/2" in diameter. This dough bowl has been well used to make bread for both the individual's needs as well as for social and ceremonial functions.

The exterior design of the bowl is rag wiped with a bentonite slip, the darker star shaped design was painted using the boiled down Rocky Mountain Bee Weed plant. Two pairs of horizontal bordering lines are present above the geometric star band. A vertical ceremonial break is present in the central design element, and an underbody red band is seen below the lower border. The interior of the bowl is simply slipped in white bentonite.

This wonderful cultural artifact was made to be a functional item, but yet 100 years on it remains a very beautiful and modern design. Overall the condition is quite good. Three small vertical cracks extend down from the rim between 1 1/2 and 2 inches. These small cracks are quite stable. Overall, this dough bowl shows wonderful ethnographic use. It is an impressive size and exhibiting great character.

Size 9" in height by 16-1/2" in diameter

**Price \$ 8,000.00**



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