



*Oglala Lakota cradleboard*, ca. 1890. From Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota. NMAI 188584

Babies were wrapped and placed in cradleboards, which made the baby feel very secure and allowed the mother the use of her arms if she was carrying the cradleboard on her back. A cradleboard could also be propped so the baby could observe, and it could also be hung up, giving the baby an even higher view of things.