



The Family

Date

1893

Primary Maker

Mary Cassatt

Medium

Oil on canvas

Description

This is an oil on canvas painting. The figures are arranged in a pyramid shape in the foreground, reminiscent of Renaissance Madonna and child groupings. Both the Mother and older daughter gaze at the baby. The baby looks at the older sister, or perhaps at the carnation she holds. The viewer is standing slightly above the seated

figures. The background shows a path that leads into some trees, but only the bottoms of the trees are visible. The mother wears a violet dress with a wide lace collar; her two hands firmly hold the baby.

Dimensions

32 1/4 x 26 1/8 in. (81.9 x 66.4 cm) Overall, Frame: 43 x 37 1/2 x 5 in. (109.2 x 95.3 x 12.7 cm)