

Dear Bearmakers

The 1<sup>st</sup> September has arrived and Spring is in the air! This season gets its name from new plant growth 'springing' up as a result of the warmer weather, of which we have been having plenty in KZN! What a great start to the season ahead of us and especially for enthusiastic gardeners!

As spring is a time of renewal and new birth, we have pleasure in introducing our new kits, new Schulte mohair special as well as some new Spring specials on offer!

May you be filled with the joys of Spring!  
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### ★ ★ SPRING SPECIALS ★ ★

Making way for new stock, we are offering the following items on sale. Limited quantities available ...

★ **Phantasy Eyes** to use on your bears made from kohair, other synthetic furs or mohairs

Colours available:

Taupe, Gold, Rust, Brown with Gold Fleck . All have black pupils and a hole in the stalk of the eye for ease of stitching into the bear's head and providing definition.

Size: 12mm - **R7 each**      Size 14mm - **R7.50 each**

**BUY ONE PAIR – GET ANOTHER PAIR OF THE SAME SIZE ABSOLUTELY FREE!**

★ **Footpad Stencils**

Place stencil over footpad and shade through openings with shading pen or fabric paint. Alternatively, trace shapes onto ultrasuede or felt and applique onto footpad with a neat slipstitch.

On special: Sizes 60 and 75 - **Only R12 each!!!**

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### HANDY NEW BEARMAKING PRODUCTS

**Needle Grabbers – R 5 per pack of 2.**

Only want one? They are R3 each. So useful for pulling needles through densely packed fibre-filling in heads when embroidering noses or stitching claws on paws and footpads.

**Long Open T-Shaped Pins** that have an open T-shaped head. These are different from the regular T-pins used in jointing discs, and are great for placing ears in position on your bear's head, before securing them with a ladder stitch. Merely put a long open t-pin on either side of the ear (top to bottom), push into the bear's head in the selected position as a temporary stabilizing element and then stitch the ear to the head. Length of pin is approx 4.5cm.

**ONLY R6 per 10 Pins**

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# Teddy Bear Makers News

## Schulte Mohair Special

When only the best quality is good enough for your bears!

Try this month's Special for your next bear - Schulte's sparse, 22mm pile mohair in a gorgeous teddy gold. It's easy to sew and looks great on a variety of different sized teds.

Code: FSP89/22 colour # 5761 Gold

**Only R190 per fat 1/4m** excl. postage

A fat 1/4 is 50cm x 70cm and will make a 40cm bear depending on the design.

Schulte has more than 100 years experience in producing incomparable quality mohair. Why settle for anything less?

This offer is available only until the 30<sup>th</sup> September or while stocks last. Regret no back orders, so do place your order early!

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## New Kits!

Eunice Beaton's cute new designs will have you itching to stitch them. Not too small, as well as lots of fun to create, these little teddies can be made in a jiffy!



**Rag-a-Muffin** is a 17cm wide-eyed teddy with an air of innocence! Kit includes Schulte mohair, glass eyes, joint discs and connectors, embroidery thread for nose/mouth as well as neck trim, pattern and instructions.

**Introductory offer of only R125**  
excl postage

### Rag-a-Muffin

At only 18cm in size, **Poppet** is petite and really very pretty! The pale pink pile of the mohair, with a darker pink backing, contrasts well with the delicately coloured paws and footpads.

Kit includes Schulte mohair, ultrasuede, glass eyes, joint discs and connectors, thread for nose and mouth as well as neck trim, pattern and instructions.

### Poppet



Rag-a-Muffin & Poppet Introductory Kit prices valid for the month of September 2008 only.

**Introductory price of only R135** excl postage.

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**New Kits** *continued*

The introduction of our new range of **Berry Bear** kits have proved to be very popular.

Blueberry, our first, limited edition, design (now sold out), was created from a combination of Schulte's dense, swirly distressed blue mohair and a light taupe mohair. Country-style embroidered wool felt leaves and ultrasuede strips adorned his neck

However, Blackberry, another two tone 23cm bear has now arrived on the scene and is a little more sophisticated with her beautiful berry-coloured beaded neck trim and organza bow tie.

**Blueberry**



**Blackberry**

Blackberry kit includes two contrasting Schulte mohairs (light tan and dense black), ultrasuede, glass eyes, joint discs & connectors, berry-coloured embroidery thread for nose, mouth claws, ribbon and beads for neck trim.

**Kit: R195** excl postage



**New-style Binky's back in town!**



Although 30cm sized Binky is one of Di Sturgess' earlier designs, he now sports a denser pile coat and upgraded design. His friendly appearance is enhanced by his open mouth. Kit includes Schulte mohair, ultra-suede for footpads (no pawpads), glass eyes, joint discs & hardware, perle thread for nose, pattern and instructions. Kit colours may vary .

**Kit: R195**

excl. postage (R25 extra). Pattern R30

**See Class Schedule to join our Open-Mouth workshops in September & October '08.**



**CLASS SCHEDULE - DURBAN  
September/October 2008**

**◆ Focus on Facial Features ◆**

Bring your own unfinished bears, or improve the appearance of bears you have already made. Learn some great new techniques such as different ways of inserting eyes, attaching ears, trimming and plucking the pile on the snout, needle-sculpting etc.

Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept (9am-12 noon) OR

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept (9am – 12 noon) Fee: R75 - 1 Session

**◆ An Open Mouth Bear ◆**

Use our Binky kit or bring your own unfinished bear to learn this easy technique. Add sculpting, shading and even teeth to the inside of the mouth and details to his paws and footpads.

Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. (9am – 12 noon)

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> & Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. (9am – 12 noon)

Workshop fee R120 excluding cost of kit - 2 Sessions

CLASS SCHEDULE – DURBAN *continued* ...

**◆ Bear-making Basics ◆**

Learn all the important basics of bear-making – and go home with a completed, fully jointed bear! Bring your own kit or purchase one at Teddytech. You can also join this workshop to refresh your bearmaking skills!  
Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> & Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> (9am – 12 noon)

Workshop Fee R120 excl. cost of kit - 2 sessions

**◆ Airbrush your Bear ◆**

A practical, hands-on (and lots of fun!) workshop. Bring your own bears and fabric to airbrush.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Sept OR Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct (1pm – 4pm)

Workshop Fee: R75 - 1 session

**Booking for all workshops essential.**

Workshops can be arranged on dates other than those listed.

**Refreshments included.**

Enquiries & Bookings Tel. (031-3127755)

Workshops held at 49 Florida Rd, Durban



**Teddytech's  
Tips from A–Z: J**

**▶ Joints / joint discs / jointing**

It must be stressed at the outset, that the kind of joints we refer to have absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with rolling a joint with weed or some other similar illegal substance!

For humans, and of course, bears in the wild, a joint is the location at which two or more bones make contact and are constructed to allow movement and provide mechanical support.

When making bears, the jointing method is one of simply using a joint disc in the head and each limb and a corresponding one in the body. These are then connected, using either t-pins, cotter pins or slot-head screws and lock nuts through the inner diameter of the joint disc to make the limb moveable.

Different types of jointing methods such as wobble-joints or double-joints can add character to your bear.

▶ **Jiggle** plastic pellets, glass beads or steel-shot into the limbs and tummy of your bear until they are evenly distributed. Use a **jug** to pour them into your bear - it will prevent the pellets spilling all over the place.

▶ **JingJing** is the name of one of the official mascots of the Beijing Olympics. JingJing, a panda representing the black Olympic ring was chosen to represent the need to protect nature's gifts for all generations.

▶ **Jot** down your ideas for bears as and when the creative surge strikes! Any ideas on design, colour, style, etc could be useful when creating your next bear.

▶ **Judged bears.** Entering your bear in a judged competition enables you to get objective feedback and constructive criticism on your creation.

▶ **Junior bear-makers.** Encourage younger members of the family to make a bear. A simple design will keep them occupied during school holidays and teach them basic sewing skills as well.



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