

Dear Bearmakers

Children look forward to the Easter school holidays with anticipation, not only because of the break from school, but because of the Easter weekend, and Easter Sunday in particular, which is the day they wake up and go hunting for Easter eggs in the garden. If they find a bunny.... well, that's a bonus!

Now you can enhance your children/grand-children's egg hunting experience this year by making them a special bunny that will form part of their memories for years to come. Roxy Rabbit is a cuddly 25cm bunny that will appeal to all ages, is soft to the touch and very appealing as well.

Whilst the giving and receiving of chocolate eggs and the enjoyment of spicey, freshly baked, hot cross buns with your first cup of tea on Easter Sunday is an established tradition, let us not forget that Easter is the holiest period of the Christian calendar from Good Friday until Easter Sunday and is celebrated by Christians worldwide. May your Easter be a blessed one. ✝

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## Just in time for Easter!

Special Introductory Price

### Roxy Rabbit




This kit contains Schulte's luxurious, dense synthetic fur, Schulte's white viscose for inner ears, ultra-suede for footpads, perle embroidery thread for nose, mouth and claws, glass eyes, joint discs and hardware, pattern and instructions.

Regular retail price is R180 but you can buy Roxy Rabbit kit now at **the special introductory price of only R160 and receive complimentary postage** by faxing, emailing or phoning us before the end of April, 2009.

If you purchase your kit now, you'll still have time to make Roxy Rabbit before the Easter weekend and include her in the Easter Egg Hunt!

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## Teddytech/Schulte 'Celebearate South Africa' 2009 Online Challenge

If you've missed  out on entering our Online Challenge – don't worry! You'll get the chance to vote for the bear that you think celebrates South Africa best in its diversity and culture. As this is a Viewer's Choice Challenge it means that the general public get to vote for the bear that appeals to them. Voting opens 1<sup>st</sup> April and runs to 30 April. Winners will be announced on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2009.

Visit [www.teddytech.biz](http://www.teddytech.biz) for all the info.

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## More New Kits!



Recently launched at our Tea Party in Johannesburg, **Mix-it** – (no association whatsoever with the popular chat application available for cell phones!) is an amalgam of colour, texture and style! We have a limited quantity of these once-off hand-dyed kits available.

### Mix-it

**Mix-it** is a 22cm teddy with a mixture of coloured paws, footpad and front of foot as well as his snout. The kit includes specially hand-dyed Schulte mohair, glass eyes, joint discs and connectors, embroidery thread for nose, mouth and claws, as well as neck trim, pattern and instructions. **Kit: R180 plus postage of R23**

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## Amore



Launched in February as a Valentine's bear, Amore is now also available in a dense, teddy coloured synthetic fur which is perfect for creating her scissor sculpted facial features.

Kit includes Schulte synthetic, ultrasuede, glass eyes, joint discs and connectors, thread for nose, mouth and claws, neck chain and heart charm, ribbon trim, pattern and instructions.

**Special introductory price for this kit: R160.**

Did you know that Schulte's synthetic fur is a great option if you're allergic to natural fibres such as mohair or wool.

## Cape Bear Fair

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009

Teddytech will once again be attending this popular fair held on the Buitenverwachting wine farm, set in beautiful surroundings – mountains, vineyards, Cape Dutch architecture and age-old oak trees.

A wonderful day's outing for the family and a visit to our stand is a definite must if you're a serious bearmaker and looking for a wide assortment of bearmaking supplies, DIY teddy bear kits and of course, world famous quality Schulte mohair.



### Needle Grabbers - Back in Stock!

These popular needle grabbers are back in stock but like many other things, the price has changed.

Still a bargain at R10 for two.

You'll find them so useful, especially when having difficulty pushing/pulling the needle through a well-filled bear!



### Teddytech's Tips from A-Z: K & L

#### ▶ Kangaroos and Koalas

Both are often made as soft toys and add an interesting dimension to your collection. As popular tourist attractions the soft cuddly toy versions often find their way home in suitcases after a visit to 'down under'.

▶ **Kid goat** – the young of the angora goat. Their fine hair is used for Schulte's ultra luxurious, long mohair and is more expensive than the coats of older goats, which is coarser.

▶ **Kohair** – a man-made, synthetic fur. Really soft to the touch and is very popular for washable, kid's bears.

▶ **Locknuts** – use these, together with a slot-head or cap screw and washers to secure your joint discs on the limbs of your bear. They have a plastic lining on the one side, which enables them to be suitably 'locked' once they are set to the correct tension on the screw.

▶ **Leather** – real leather is often considered a no-no for paws and footpads of bears due to the aversion many bearmakers and collectors have of the use of animal skin.

If it doesn't deter you, then you may yet find a use for granny's old gloves or grandad's leather jacket on your next bear!



## CLASS SCHEDULE - DURBAN

April/May/June 2008

### ◆ Focus on Fabulous Faces ◆

Bring your own finished bears if you feel you need to improve their appearance or come along with new bears and learn some great new techniques such as different ways of inserting eyes, attaching ears, trimming and plucking the pile on the snout, needle-sculpting and more...

Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> April (9am–12 noon) OR

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> April (9am – 12 noon)

Fee: R75 - 1 Session



### ◆ An Open Mouth Bear ◆

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

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May (1pm – 4pm)

Workshop fee R120 excluding cost of kit - 2 Sessions

### ◆ Bear-making Basics ◆

Learn all the important basics of bearmaking – 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!

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May (9am – 12 noon)

Workshop Fee R120 for 2 sessions. Excl. cost of kit

### ◆ Double-neck joints ◆

Learn this popular technique to give your bears a more interesting neckline. New double-neck joint kits will be available before the workshop.

Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June (9am – 12 noon) OR

Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> June (9am - 12 noon)

Workshop Fee: R120 for 2 sessions Excl cost of kit.

### Enquiries & Bookings Tel. (031-3127755)

Workshops can be arranged on dates other than those listed provided there are sufficient bookings  
Refreshments included

**Workshops held at 49 Florida Rd, Durban**



Did you know ..... that 2009 is the **International Year of Astronomy**

"It's a global effort to help citizens of the world rediscover their place in the Universe through the day- and night-time sky, and thereby engage a personal sense of wonder and discovery."

Don't miss the 100 Hours of Astronomy, a **global astronomy event from 2 to 5 April** when you can discover the Universe with the rest of the world!  
Contact your local Astronomical Society or visit the web

What's this got to do with bears, you may well ask? Ursa Major (which means Great Bear in Latin) is a constellation, which has mythological significance in numerous world cultures.



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