

Dear Bearmakers

Remember the toys you had as a child – maybe there was one, or perhaps you had several that were your favourites. For girls they would traditionally have been dolls, bears, and sometimes gollies - the latter two also quite suitable for boys – but their preference would have been the ever popular dinky toys, trains, tops and meccano sets.

Many of you still have those treasured toys – carefully packed away by mom and dad when they were no longer played with and kept in a safe place ... just in case future grandchildren needed toys! Some of those toys were also generously given away to needy children once you were too old to play with them or - horror of all horrors – put out with the weekly garbage!

Well, if you're still hankering after those departed treasures, don't despair – you'll be able to recreate something similar with our newest range of Toy Box Teds & Friends, a variety of designs which will be introduced over the next few months.

Golly Gosh - it's Gus!

The first Toy Box 'friend' is Gus, an 18cm Golly kit. Created from traditional black and blue mohair with a touch of red cotton and yellow ultrasuede, Gus is sure to elicit a few childhood memories - the friendly fellow always lending a hand to those in trouble. His luxurious hair style is in keeping with traditional gollies and of course he spruces himself up with a bow-tie and braces. Gus will quite easily sit in the palm of your hand!



This kit contains Schulte's short, sparse, mohair in two different colours; long pile mohair for his stylish hairdo, ultra-suede for paws/ footpads, 1 glass eye for his nose, German wool felt for his mouth, glass eyes, joint discs and hardware, ultrasuede and buttons for braces, cotton fabric for bow-tie, pattern and instructions.

Gus kit is only **R140** *excl postage of R25.*

Start collecting Teddytech's new series of 'Toy Box Teds & Friends' Schulte mohair kits, and you'll be able to create a delightful display 'story' once you have the whole range! Look out for future additions.

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Jessie

This 22cm little girl ted wears a dress with a gathered skirt, featuring pin tucks along the lower edge of the skirt. Both the scooped neckline and hem of her floral dress are lace-trimmed. A satin ribbon completes her outfit. Her snout is plucked to give her a smooth complexion

Kit includes Schulte mohair, ultrasuede, glass eyes, joint discs and connectors, nose and mouth perle thread, dress fabric with lace and ribbon trim, pattern & instructions. **Kit only R140** *excl postage of R25*

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Introducing

The latest Berry Bear

Mulbeary

A 30cm two-tone, panda-style bear



The latest bear in the Berry range is the largest of all the Berry Bears at an impressive 30cm. Mulbeary's kit includes contrasting light and dark dense Schulte mohair for the panda effect, ultrasuede for paws and pads, glass eyes, joint discs and connectors, perle thread for nose and mouth detail, pattern and instructions. **Kit R299** *excl postage of R25*

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Please note that if you are purchasing more than one kit, the postage cost would be adjusted as the rate quoted is based on a parcel of up to 1kg.

Teddytech/Schulte congratulates the
'Celebearate South Africa'
2009 Online Challenge Winners

Congratulations to the winners and all the participants (accepting and entering a challenge such as this is a challenge in itself!) and, of course, a special thank you to all who participated. The winners are:



Professional category (a tie for first place):

- #1: Tariro and Asha by Vardi Bregman
- #1: Tokkelos by Anina Remcken
- #2: Mama Themba by Elisa Ravetto-Mecco

Amateur category:

- #1: Ms Pachy & the Hoodia sisters by Elize Geraghty
- #2: Sosatie by Hedy Keulder
- #3: Naomi with son, Mongi by Tanya Retief

We look forward to challenging you again in 2010!



Teddytech's Tips from A-Z: M & N

► **Mohair for bears**

Schulte Mohair is made from one of nature's finest sources for natural fibre, the Angora goat. The term "mohair" is derived from the Arabian word "Muhayar" which literally means "the fabric of goat hair". Schulte's mohair is available in a huge range of different colours, pile lengths, textures and finishes and, with more than 100 years of mohair-producing experience, is universally accepted as the world's finest quality mohair. It's renowned for its tightly woven backing and unique finishes.

► **Mini Velvet**

So called because of its velvet appearance, which can either be matt or have a sheen to it. The grid backing makes it easy to sew small and miniature bears.

► **Measurements**

... are essential for designing, pattern & template making and creating bears. The more accurate you are to start with, the more accurate the final product will be.

► **Matching**

Lots of matching gets done in bearmaking! Matching the colours/textures of your fabric; matching joint marks accurately on limbs and body for jointing; matching paws/footpads onto arms and legs for a good fit; matching eyes and ears in size before inserting/attaching.

► **Magnetic pin cushions**

are a pleasure to use. If your work top is scattered with pins when you make bears or when sewing, then one wave of this pincushion over the surface will pick them up in seconds!

► **Needles** – always select the right needle for the work to be done! A fine needle for hand-stitching seams together (use with a thinner thread to make your stitches invisible); a darning needle for embroidering your bear's nose and mouth (this needle has a larger eye to get the perle thread through it and a sharp point); a curved needle for getting into tricky corners and shaped seams; a long doll needle for needle sculpting and also inserting glass eyes (the length is needed to go through the width of your bear's head).

► **Needle Grabbers** – really useful little circles to help you pull the needle through that firmly filled snout, or when inserting eyes. Use instead of long nose pliers so your needle doesn't become scratched.

► **Needle-sculpting ...**

is the method of using a needle and thread to create dimension and/or additional definition to the bear – ie. the facial features, paws, footpads, etc. It is best to use a long thin needle and strong thread for this technique.

Father's Day ...

Dad's are a real blessing so spoil him on the 21st June. Tell your dad that on this special day he should:

Be happy... Be lazy and Celebrate like crazy!



CLASS SCHEDULE - DURBAN
June 2008

◆ **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. 6th & 13rd June (9am – 12 noon) OR Tues. 9th & 16th June (9am – 12 noon)

Kindly contact us if you would prefer an evening class
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 bear kits will be available before the workshop.

NOTE AMENDED DATES FOR THIS COURSE

Sat. 4th & 11th July (9am – 12 noon) OR Wed. 10th & 17th June (9am - 12 noon)

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

◆ **Classes for kids**
during July School Holidays

Phone for info : details available mid-June....

Enquiries & Bookings Tel. (031-3127755)

Workshops can be arranged on dates other than those listed, provided there are sufficient bookings. If you'd like to participate in any other of our workshops (for ex. those listed in previous newsletters), kindly contact us.

Refreshments included

Workshops held at 49 Florida Rd, Durban



Winter ...

Perhaps I am a bear, or some hibernating animal underneath, for the instinct to be half asleep all winter is so strong in me.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh



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