

Dear Bearmakers

At the beginning of each year many of us enthusiastically make resolutions that we feel confident will change our lives in some way or other. Some of them are easy to stick to – others not so!

We hope that if you are an avid bear-maker you will want to take the bull by the horns this year and participate in a new challenge we have planned for later this year. Check our web site mid year for the Festive Holiday challenge. It really is a great opportunity to push yourself a little beyond what you would normally do. In the meantime learn about the challenge we posed bear-makers at the end of last year - to move out of their comfort zone and try something new.



Teddytech's Schulte Mohair Viewer's Choice Challenge

Visit our web site, www.teddytech.biz and read all about this Challenge. You can view pictures of bears created by local bear-makers and bear artists and read about the changes they made to the basic pattern supplied by us. This Challenge is not a judged competition but is based on viewers voting for their favourite bear on display.

Entries are from both professional bear artists and amateur bear-makers and there are prizes for both categories. In fact some entrants have their own web sites, so do visit those as well.

Many of the entrants who participated in this challenge have said how much fun they had, despite a little pressure to get their bear done in time.

Closing date for votes is the 29th of February 2008 and the winners will be announced on the 1st March.

Please support our local bear-makers and bear artists and cast your vote!!

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New Kits!

♥ Just in time for Valentine's Day ♥

An adorable 13cm cupid-style ted, rose in hand, pledging his undying affection to his one true love!

This little bear is perfect as a gift to your Valentine. Created from short, sparse mohair with ultrasuede paws and footpads, Romeo comes with feathered wings, organza ribbon as well as a red rose – the symbol of love and affection. Also included is the pattern, instructions, embroidery thread, glass eyes, joint discs and hardware.

Order him today!



Kit: R89

Excl. postage (R25)



Need something different to add to your current collection of teddies? Look no further than another one of our latest kits..

Introducing... **Elfredo** A 28cm woodland elf-style bear



This cute bear is created from Schulte's hard-tipped (or wet-look) mohair. It has a 14mm pile, gray with a teal blue tip and a charcoal gray backing -. So unique that we had to create a bear that would look as though he could be a forest dweller! He has ultra-suede footpads as well as paws with embroidered claw detail.

Kit includes pattern, instructions, Schulte mohair, glass eyes, ultra-suede, embroidery thread, joint discs and hardware and all sorts of interesting textured trims for hanging around his neck.

Kit: R250 excl. postage (R25 extra)



CLASS SCHEDULE - DURBAN

February & March 2008

All classes held at 49 Florida Rd, Durban

Kickstart your new year's resolutions with a bear-making workshop! Whether new to bear-making or already a keen hobbyist, join one of our workshops for a fun-filled learning experience.

◆ Basic Bearmaking Class ◆

We'll teach you all the basic techniques of a traditional jointed teddy bear. Select a bear kit and go home with a completed bear!

Tues. Feb. 19 & 26 (9-12 noon) 2 Sessions

Tues. Mar. 4 & 11

R120 excluding kit of your choice

◆ Paw and Footpad Detailing ◆

Bring your ready made bears or any new one's currently under construction and we'll teach you how to enhance your ted's paws and feet.

Techniques employed: shading, applique, trapunto, reverse applique, sculpting.

Thurs. Mar. 6 (9am – 12 noon) or

Sat. Apr. 5 (9am- 12 noon) R75 - 1 Session

◆ 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.

Wed. Feb 27 (9am–12 noon) or

Sat. Mar. 1st (9am – 12 noon) R75 - 1 Session

◆ An Open Mouth Bear ◆

Convert one of your current kits or patterns to an open mouth bear or use the class kit bear to learn this easy technique. Add sculpting, shading and even teeth to the inside of the mouth.

Wed. Mar. 26 and Wed. Apr. 2 (9am – 12 noon)

R120 excluding cost of kit - 2 Sessions

◆ Bunnies, Rabbits or Hares ◆

Make a bunny and let him hold the Easter eggs in a basket this year. Select a kit from an assortment of different designs/sizes/colours available.

Wed. Mar. 5 & 12 (9am – 12 noon) or

Sat. Mar. 8 & 15 (9am – 12 noon)

R120 excluding cost of kit - 2 Sessions

Refreshments included. Tel. (031-3127755)

Workshops on dates other than those listed above, can be arranged.

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### JOIN the

## Teddytech / Schulte FABRIC CLUB

If you would like to learn more about joining the Fabric Club, contact us so we can tell you about it ,or visit our website [www.teddytech.biz](http://www.teddytech.biz) for additional information.

Our Fabric Club offers you a monthly newsletter, Schulte mohair swatches, bearmaking tips, discount coupons, invitations to events etc

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☞ Clementine ☞

Created from no hair-mohair, this 19cm bear delights in wearing her heart on her sleeve. She will gladly share her secrets with you!

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Clementine has a 100% cotton fabric 'heart' applied to her arm with blanket stitching and this same decorative stitch is repeated as detail around her German wool felt footpads.

The kit includes her gentle brown glass eyes; brown DMC perle embroidery thread for nose/mouth/footpads, joint discs and connectors as well as pattern and detailed instructions.

SPECIAL LIMITED EDITION OFFER...

Kit: Only R89 excl postage of R25

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## Teddytech's Tips from A-Z: I

► **IDENTITY** – Your bear definitely needs his/her own identity, especially such important details as a personalised name, birthdate, birth (and it could also include girth) size & weight, place of birth, the texture of his/her fur, size and colour of eyes and any other distinguishing features. Make a personalised, miniature bear ID booklet or, for intrepid travellers, a passport. Take a digital photo, transfer it to your computer, resize it, print it out and paste into the ID booklet/passport.

► **INNER EARS** – the part of the ear that faces forward. You can add a bit of interest by trimming or plucking the fur to reveal the smoothness of backing or use another fabric altogether such as an ultrasuede, mini velvet or even a floral or tapestry fabric for appeal

► **INNER ARMS/LEGS** – the part of the arm/leg that is closest to the body. It usually has the paw/footpad attached and is also the part where the joint position is marked and the connector is pushed through to the body.

► **INJURIES TO BEARS** – Has your childhood or new bear; lost an eye or ear; been operated on by a budding surgeon or mauled by the family pet? The good news is that many injuries to your bear can be repaired successfully. Mohair can be matched or dyed to blend with the existing colour and carefully darned to repair tears etc.

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